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Pall bearers at St. Dorothy's Church carry Frank Kelley's casket out following Friday's moving memorial services. Full coverage pages 11-14.

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## Power outage disrupts town

WILMINGTON - Just as Wilmington and Reading residents began cooking Monday night, a power outage put dinner on the back burner as electrical crews sought the source of the problem.

Almost all of Reading and parts of Wilmington were impacted by the outage, including most of Main Street, affecting more than 13,000 customers.

According to Reading Municipal Light Department Chief Engineer Peter Price the power outage began Monday night at 5:22 PM when "protected relay settings tripped causing breakers to open and transformers at the Gaw Station in Reading to lose power."

Power was restored at 6:28 PM.

United Power Group was

called in to perform diagnostics testing of the relay settings. As of Wednesday morning, the cause of the outage remains under investigation.

A few inches of light, powdery snow fell across the region Sunday into Monday, but the weather was not cited as a cause of Monday's outage.

The areas in Wilmington that were affected were:

- Burlington, Shawsheen, Middlesex Avenues
- Reed, Boutwell, Richmond, Chestnut, Cross, Eames, Lowell and 1/2 of Church and 95 percent of Main Streets
- Aldrich Rd.
- Jewel Drive
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## Strings Attached teacher unexpectedly resigns

Parents concerned about future of popular program

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WILMINGTON - Popular Wilmington strings teacher Liz Ehrman handed in her resignation Friday, prompting a little anxiety among parents and students invested in the popular stringed music

program in schools.

Strings Attached is the high school music program for students that play stringed instruments. Ehrman teaches at the high school, middle school, and intermediate levels as well as private lessons for interested elementary students. The popular program is a jewel in the crown of Wilmington Public Schools' per-

forming arts repertoire.

Ehrman joined Wilmington Public Schools in 2013, taking over the program after Ward Gilmore retired, and is halfway through her third year with the district.

With Ehrman's departure, effective Friday, February 12, parents and students are apprehensive about the future of the program.

Parents called an emergency meeting for Monday night at the United Methodist Church. Program continuity, quality of instruction in a successor, and the trip to France in the spring of 2017 were among initial parental concerns.

Superintendent Mary DeLai spoke

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## OSRAM's bright future in Wilmington

DYNAMIC WORK ENVIRONMENT  
FOSTERS CREATIVITY, INNOVATION

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WILMINGTON - Lighting leader OSRAM SYLVANIA held an official unveiling at the new location of their North American Headquarters with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, January 14th in celebration of the move.

The company hosted a light breakfast reception to kick off the event. In attendance were key OSRAM executives, including Chief Executive Officer of OSRAM Licht Dr. Olaf Berlien, CEO/CFO OSRAM Americas and CEO/CFO OSRAM SYLVANIA Grant Wright, and other top management.

The event included a brief tour of the space, specifically designed to create, according to OSRAM management, a "fresh, energizing, and more agile and collaborative culture." The open concept was created by international interdisciplinary planning and design firm Sasaki Architects, with the goal of fostering innovation, focused and creative thinking, and, ultimately, a greater customer experience. The space, just under 124 thousand square-feet, was completed in February, 2015 with employees moving in October, 2015.

Also in attendance were state and local representatives, Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Ken Gordon, David Robinson for Representative James Miceli, Wilmington Town Manager Jeffrey Hull, Wilmington Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael Champoux, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Nancy Vallee, and President of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Robert Bradford.

Citations were awarded from the Commonwealth, Representative Miceli's office, and from Governor Charlie Baker.

After the Official Ribbon Cutting, attendees were treated to an impressive LED light show followed by a tour of Headquarters Americas.

"This move is essential to building a more agile and collab-

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Senator Bruce Tarr (far right) looks up in amazement at the light show at the Osram Sylvania's ribbon cutting extravaganza. Far left Dave Robinson (State Rep. Miceli's office) and Rep Ken Gordon, Center. Even the Osram dignitaries look astonished at what they have created!

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## Talbot jumps into School Committee race

By JAYNE W. MILLER  
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WILMINGTON - The race for three School Committee seats heats up this week as newcomer Thomas Talbot steps in and pulls nomination papers.

2016 promises to be a major election year, both locally and nationally with a presidential election on the horizon in November, and a primary election March 1.

Margaret "Peggy" Kane, the current Chair of the School Committee was the first candidate to pull nomination papers, and Julie Broussard took out her papers January 8.

Incumbent Kathleen Carroll has not pulled nomination papers for a second term. All School Committee seats are three-year terms.

Newcomer to the political scene, Thomas Talbot, pulled papers on January 15.

Robert Peterson, Sr. is up for re-election for the Shawsheen Regional Vocational Technical School Committee, which is a three-year term. He pulled his nomination papers Monday, January 11.

Veteran Selectmen Michael Newhouse and Lou Cimaglia are also up for re-election this year. Neither has taken out nomination papers yet, but it is still early.

Housing Authority is up for reelection. Greg Bendel is also up for reelection to the Housing Authority, a five-year term. Bendel has not yet pulled nomination papers.

The deadline for candidates to return papers is Thursday, March 3 by 5 pm. Each candidate must have at least 50 certified signatures.

The Annual Town Election is April 23 and the Annual Town Meeting is April 30.



Lucy 13, Ben 6, Dan Sapia, Melanie McCluskey-Sapia and 11 year old Melanie who will turn 12 this June 9th.  
photo: BruceHilliard.com

## A Family with Heart

Liam Nation and a supportive community help family cope with a child's heart transplant

By BRENDAN FOLEY  
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TEWKSBURY - A great many people received a great many gifts over the course of the holiday season. But perhaps no one received a greater gift than 11-year old Melanie McCluskey Sapia. On November 5, Melanie received a heart.

Melanie, "Mellie" for short, underwent her first heart surgery when she was three days old.

"She was born with the biggest congenital heart defect you can be born with," Mellie's mother Melanie McCluskey Sapia said.

As if this medical emergency was not enough, both the elder Melanie and her husband, Daniel, have lived with MS for years. Both the younger Melanie and her big sister, Lucy, 13, are developmentally disabled. Rounding out the family is the very energetic Benjamin, who is only 6.

For eleven years, little Melanie's heart problems appeared to be a thing of the past. But on July 7 of this past year, at 9:30 at night, the pain struck.

"She was going to bed and complaining about pain," her mother said. "I never thought it was her heart. Now that I think about it, it was classic heart attack symptoms."

Melanie was rushed to Lowell General Hospital, then picked up by the Children's Hospital mobile unit van. She was put on life support at Children's Hospital and remained paralyzed in a coma for eight weeks.

"She had open heart surgery then to put a pump in," her mother said. "One side of her heart was not pumping correctly. They did that and put her on all kinds of meds. She went from not even taking a multi-vitamin to taking 13

meds a day."

Melanie was placed on the heart transplant list, though her parents were warned that she had a rare blood-type, due to her medical experiences at a young age.

Then began the waiting game. Melanie was strapped with an 11-pound heart pump that she needed to wear at all times. It was two and a half months before the family got the phone call that a heart had arrived.

"I immediately burst into tears," her mother recalled. "I was driving to Boston, but it felt like my car wasn't going."

"The whole world was in slow motion," Daniel agreed.

"By that point Melanie had lost 45 pounds," her mother continued. "But she was still her spunky little self."

The procedure, performed at Children's Hospital by Dr. Finn Thompson, lasted 12 hours.

"He came out of the operating room and he was covered in sweat," Melanie's mother said. "Because there was so much prior scar tissue, and they had to take the heart pump out with the heart."

While she still has a long road of recovery to go, Mellie's body has accepted the new heart with seemingly no issues. To date, the family has not been told who donated that critical heart that now beats for her.

"I want to thank them," Mellie said. "When she first went into Children's, they didn't think she might ever come out of this," her mother said. "And I looked at them and said, 'You don't know her, or how strong she is. And she's named after me and I've had every medical event that can happen, and I've come out of it.'"

But even with no problems with the new heart, the family could not catch a

break. After the successful transplant, the long-time family house underwent inspection to make sure it was safe for her. The inspection revealed the attic was littered with threatening mold, necessitating extensive and expensive repairs.

At their lowest point, the family found that they did not even have to ask for support to appear. Both Melanie and Lucy are athletes with Liam Nation, a local organization that provides athletic and extracurricular activities for children with physical and mental disabilities. When word of the McCluskey Sapia's plight reached the organization, members leapt into action, providing everything from home cooked meals to financial support, even loaning the family a refrigerator when their own began to falter.

Sitting at her kitchen table, Melanie McCluskey Sapia describes the plight of her daughter and family without bating an eye. A lifetime of combating medical issues has taught her how to prioritize problems without being overwhelmed. But when the conversation turns towards the support offered to the family by Liam Nation, in many cases by total strangers, the tears came in a flood.

"Thank you for making the worst time in my life a little easier," she cried. "I had no idea we were so loved by so many people."

The family is still in debt from medical expenses and from repairs to the attic. There remain many challenges on Melanie's road to recovery. But the family members have each other. They have the support of many in Liam Nation and the Tewksbury community at large.

And they have heart.

## One Easy Answer to Cabin Fever

Take Advantage of Expanded Library Pass Programs

By SHERYL WALSH  
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It's finally here. Winter. The snow and cold temperatures have arrived. But that doesn't mean we need to lock ourselves inside. You can get out and explore local museums with the help of the library museum pass program. Both the Wilmington and Tewksbury libraries offer passes to many and varied fun places where you can explore in the warm indoors. And the list of offerings has expanded.

One option offered at both is the Museum of Science. Even people who are not normally the "museum type" will find something to enjoy here. That label as a museum is almost misleading for the impressive facility by the Zakim Bridge. It's a high energy experience with many sections of interactive exhibits.

It's an easy drive, and there's a parking garage attached. Just the general admission exhibits will fill the day and delight all ages - preschoolers to adults. There are seven films shown throughout the day, four planetarium shows, and seven live presentations. (Some may require an additional ticket.)

Even the very young children (8 and under) will be entertained. For example, the Discovery Center is a two-story separate section where they can play and explore on their own with parents and supervisory staff close by. And one part is reserved for those still just crawling. There's more at the Museum of Science than you would expect or perhaps remember from your last visit.

Whether it's this museum or any of the other interesting opportunities in the program (such as the Altitude Trampoline Park, the Aquarium or the Museum of Fine Arts), take a chance and try a cold weather option that gets you out of the house but still keeps you warm. You can check online for more information or call the library to reserve your pass.

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to the Town Crier Tuesday and stated that the trip, which is a highlight for students and occurs every other year, is still planning to go ahead at this point.

"We will post the position shortly and we will convene a search committee. Due to the nature of the program... we will no doubt involve a parent or two on that search committee," said DeLai, when asked about the next steps the district will take to fill this position. "We tend to like to run very inclusive search process-

es."

DeLai met with parents of Strings Attached students and said, "They want to help us get the word out, and help recruit someone."

DeLai said that they would look for someone who can at least take over the program for the remainder of the year.

"However, the goal is to find a licensed, qualified, skilled teacher to teach the kids as quickly as possible," said DeLai.

Students told the Town Crier that Ehrman briefly addressed her resignation with students in classes Tuesday, indicating that she is moving onto another position in a different town.

As for DeLai, she validated the strength of the well-regarded Strings Attached

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Wilmington's Strings Attached students performed in Italy last April.  
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program.

"I have a relatively short tenure here in Wilmington Public Schools, but it was very clear to me from the outset that there are some longstanding traditions and programs held in high

esteem," said DeLai. "Strings is one of them, along with band, chorale, and a high quality theater arts program. Together they make for a strong performing arts program."





Welcome new firefighters

Two new firefighters were sworn-in at the Public Safety Building last week. Town Clerk Sharon George conducted the ceremony. Here Firefighter Kyle Skinner, Chief McClellan, and Firefighter Ed DeLucia stand following the ceremony.

Courtesy Photo

## Father-Daughter Dance set for January 31st at TCC

The Community Services Office of the Tewksbury Public Schools is proud to offer the Father-Daughter Dance on January 31, 2016 at the Tewksbury Country Club. The hours are 1:00-2:30pm for PreK, K and Grade 1, 3:00-4:30pm for Grades 2, 3 and 4,

and 5:00-6:30pm for Grades 5 and 6.

Tickets are \$35.00 for a couple and \$45.00 for an additional child at the same session. Tickets are available at the Community Services Office 139 Pleasant Street (Center School) from

8:00am-5:00pm or online at <https://register.community-pass.net>

If you have any questions, please contact John Lyons, Director, at [jlyons@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jlyons@tewksbury.k12.ma.us).

## Essay contest to determine new owner of Historic Maine Movie House

Aspiring owners of the historic Temple Theatre in Houlton, Maine have two extra weeks to make their case. The deadline for the essay contest, sponsored by current owner Michael Hurley, which will award ownership of the theatre business and building, has been extended to January 31, 2016. The deadline has been extended due to a wave of national media coverage including CNN, the New York Times, and The Hollywood Reporter.

Contestants are invited to submit their 250-word written response to the question, "Why would you be the best person (or family/group) to be the new owner of the Temple Theatre in historic Houlton, Maine?" A \$100 entry fee is required. Essays will be judged on writing structure, content, quality of expression, and creativity.

The winner will receive ownership of the Temple Theatre business and building, including second-floor office space, a large owner's apartment, and an adjacent parking lot. Complete rules for the contest and a full description of the prize and

judging process are on the theater website, [www.templemovies.com](http://www.templemovies.com). Submissions should be mailed to Temple Theatre Essay Contest, PO Box 188, Belfast, ME, 04915.

In addition to the business and real estate, the winner of the contest will receive 30 days of consulting and training in theater operations. If the contest draws at least 3,500 entries, the prize also will include \$25,000 cash. Houlton, population 6,123, is the county seat and business hub of southern Aroostook County, the largest county by area east of the Mississippi River. The theater is in the center of downtown, adjacent to a dramatic footbridge over the Meduxnekeag River.

The Temple Theatre, with two screens and seating for 200 each, has operated nearly continuously since 1918. It was renovated in 2002, and was converted to digital projection in November 2014, with state-of-the-art projectors, servers and sound system. It shows first run films serving a variety of tastes. The building's second floor is 6,000 square feet with multiple leased office suites.

For more information, contact Mike Hurley, 207-338-1975, or [mike@pilut.com](mailto:mike@pilut.com).

## Middlesex Sheriff's Office K-9 Mik featured in Vest-A-Dog Calendar

Middlesex Sheriff's Office K-9 Mik is one of 12 police and fire dogs featured in the 2016 Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog calendar.

Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog is a non-profit, whose mission is to support police dogs and K-9 units by helping to provide bulletproof vests for K-9s, equipment, training, and dogs.

Mik, an eight-year-old German Shepherd certified in patrol duty and narcotics detection, has been partnered with Lieutenant Michael Kelley for seven

years. In addition to their duties at the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction, Lt. Kelley and Mik provide mutual assistance to area police departments and routinely participate in demonstrations for schools and community organizations.

In recent years, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office has been able to acquire several pieces of training and protective equipment for its K-9 units thanks to Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog's support. In 2014 the Middlesex Sheriff's Office

secured a \$1760 grant awarded by Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog to acquire a bite suit, which is utilized for training purposes. Such suits allow the K-9s to safely conduct important apprehension drills, which are important aspects of training for both the K-9s and the handlers.

To learn more about the Middlesex Sheriff's Office please visit our website at [www.middlesexsheriff.org](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org). More information about Massachusetts Vest-a-Dog can be found on the non-profit's website [www.mayes-vest-a-dog.org](http://www.mayes-vest-a-dog.org).

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## Letters to the editor

### When we know better, we must do better

Dear Editor,  
I grew up and went to school in Tewksbury. My parents still live here. I recently saw some Tewksbury friends and was surprised to hear about the controversy around changing the team names from Redmen to something less offensive.

I've been a teacher of young children for 25 years. I continue to strive to teach my students in a culturally sensitive way and without the use of stereotypes. The public school district in which I teach is, like Tewksbury, comprised mostly of white people. Yet, mine is a multicultural classroom, with images and stories from a range of perspectives, not solely from the majority, powerful, white one.

When I teach about Christopher Columbus and later the first Thanksgiving, I tell the kids the truth. Christopher was brave and tried something new, but he did not discover America. There were already people living here and he was anything but kind to them. I share a map that shows where Native people lived throughout our country's history. The kids are shocked to see the area get smaller and smaller, over time. We talk about a few of the different groups, their common respect for nature, and that some wear headdresses for special celebrations, but not every day!

One of my sisters cheered in the 70s and loved it! She felt what she still calls "Redmen pride," war path, face paint, chants, and all. I understand her attachment to the Redmen name. It brings her and many others back to a simpler, team-oriented, fun time in their lives. When they were playing sports for TMHS they didn't know that their mascot was a caricature of human beings. But, now they do, so what I cannot understand is how anyone could continue to suggest that dehumanizing First Nation people is okay, or more to the point, that it is demonstrative of Tewksbury's values. Shouldn't we all do better when we know better? My sister thinks that suggesting Redmen are strong warriors is honoring them. I suggest that it is not up to the majority to decide what honors a minority group. It is for us to listen when that group tells us what does, and does not, honor them and their culture.

I have always seen myself as an ally to those who could benefit from one. I remember wondering why the only images I ever saw of Native people were those wearing headdresses, attacking white people (who incidentally were taking their land), the one TV actor dressed in feathers and fringe crying about pollution (who was actually Italian), or my own home town teams holding tomahawks and looking angry. It never made sense to me that these people were as one dimensional as those portrayals suggest. I didn't have words for it, but I do now... ignorant, derogatory, disparaging, stereotypical, racial slur, caricature.

I believe it is time for Tewksbury to promote a healthy educational environment for everyone. This can only happen in schools devoid of the bias that comes from stereotypic images and actions of any group. I encourage and invite you to show the generations to come that this is a place where diversity is embraced and where everyone is included. Isn't that something of which we could all be proud?

Thank you for your respectful attention.

Maria Simon  
Tewksbury

### Lifelong resident says time to change mascot

Dear Editor,  
I have lived in Tewksbury my whole life. I graduated from Tewksbury High school. I am now raising two children in Tewksbury. I understand the pride in our town and in our town's sports. I have researched this specific topic extensively and I have researched our town's history. I support changing our team's name, the "Redmen."

In my research, I have learned that the name redmen and any other Native American mascot, logo or team name is offensive to many Native Americans. Native Americans find them a misappropriation of their culture. The Massachusetts Center of Native American Awareness discourages the use of Native American mascots and logos. The National Congress of American Indians also discourages the use and states, "The use of racist and derogatory 'Indian' sports mascots, logos, or symbols, is harmful and perpetuates negative stereotypes of America's first peoples. Specifically, rather than honoring Native peoples, these caricatures and stereotypes contribute to a disregard for the personhood of Native peoples."

If you look up the term 'red man' on freedictionary.com and oxforddictionaries.com you will see that they say it is an offensive term. Redmen is synonymous with red man and redskins and both of these are known as racist terms.

This does not mean I'm calling the people of Tewksbury racist. I am saying that in 2016, we should know better than to use offensive and derogatory Native American logos, names and mascots. Other towns and colleges have changed their Native American themed names and logos.

This is a nation wide issue, not just a few people riding the "PC train."

This is not about being politically correct, but about being empathetic and truly listening to others and being open to understand others' feelings and experiences.

If knowing that many Native American people, organizations, and associations such as those listed above are openly against the use Native American sports mascots and logos, I find it appalling that non-native people continue to say that we are honoring them. In the words of Barbara Munson, who is a member of the Oneida Nation, "When someone says you are hurting them by your action, if you persist - then the harm becomes intentional."

Anne Seichter  
a lifelong resident of Tewksbury



## Betsy's Best Bets

by Betsy Woods McGuire

### Star Struck

Starry starry night, paint your palette blue and gray. (Don McLean)

Here's a novel idea. How about welcoming winter, rather than whining and grumbling about it? Looking forward to every season and embracing the change is what makes living in New England so exhilarating.

Tell me you don't love the feeling of serenity after a snow storm. Going outside late at night to do a little shoveling, stopping to look up at the black sky, scattered with stars, and listening to the stillness is close to spiritual for me.

Early one morning a week or so ago, after it had snowed, I drove by Silver Lake. The lake wasn't frozen and the water was completely quiet, reflecting a mirror image of the snow covered houses and trees along the shore. Quite a sight!

For many years Chet Raymo wrote a column for the Boston Globe called "Science Musings." If an astronomical event was happening on a cold, clear night in the dead of winter (when the sky is the most dramatic), he would get inside a heavy-duty sleeping bag and lay on the ground to observe the wonder of the sky.

On the first Saturday of every month, the column "Sky Watch" appears in the Globe. Last week, in the middle of the column was a big picture of the sky and stars, looking southeast. Even if you think you have no interest, the writer Alan M. MacRobert will pull you in, with his poetic descriptions and fascinating information. Column and flashlight in hand, out on my open porch, I search the sky trying to find the stars and patterns of stars shown in the picture.

Without a doubt, winter is the best time for star gazing. With the sun setting so early, there are more hours of darkness and the sky is more brilliant. If you're serious about star gazing you can join The North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club or check out the Massachusetts Parks and Recreational areas with star gazing. Or if you're like me, any wide open space will do. Needless to say, the ocean is the best place to be. The beauty of the sky blending into the ocean, with the echo of the waves, can be spellbinding. While the wind might be too much on a frigid winter night, the view walking down the Rose Kennedy Greenway, and over to Christopher Columbus Park, right on the harbor, is spectacular, and more protected than the openness of the beach.

Closer to home, many times during the summer, I walked or rode my bike over to Silver Lake for a wider view of the sunset. But more often, it's winter, when the sky is dark so early, that I make a point of driving past the lake while out and about, for a more expansive look at the sky, the stars and the moon.

Recently, right before dawn, the waning crescent moon (with Sirius, the very brightest star, close by), filled me with awe as I stood motionless at my kitchen window, staring and

staring. The pencil-thin outline around the outside rim of the moon makes the waning crescent even more striking, and mysterious.

You don't have to skate or ski to enjoy outdoors in winter. And you don't have to be a farmer to read The Old Farmer's Almanac (founded in 1792). As a matter of fact, the Almanac is a great source of information for novice astronomers. You'll find a whole page on sun and moon eclipses, with dates and times of the full moon and the moon's path. There are charts and tables listing dates and times of bright stars, along with sunrise and sunset times and length of astronomical twilight. A best-view calendar for meteor showers is also included.

The details on best dates, times and seasons to see Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury are useful in locating these planets in the vast sky. And to help you navigate your way around the Almanac (and then the sky), there are two pages of glossary terms you might want to study and memorize.

The Old Farmer's Almanac is something I can't live without - there's nothing quite like it. First, it's pocket-sized - easy to carry around, perfect for the beach, the waiting room, or while on the train. And it's a good way to practice withdrawal from phone addiction. No matter how many times I thumb through it, I never tire of re-reading, always coming across something I'd missed before. And I depend on the Almanac for timing the tides. I love the beach at low tide.

It's the way the Almanac looks, too. The print and page set-up and pictures are proudly unstylish. Every page has trivia, quirky features, forecasts, folklore, food and fishing tips, along with nature and gardening fables and facts. Even their off-beat unconventional ads are pretty entertaining. How many magazines can you say that about?

Quite a while back, Vinnie Animanisto, a good friend of mine, told me about a UFO he'd seen. Admittedly, Vinnie was "Mr. Strange" - an unusual, eccentric kind of guy. Nevertheless, he spoke the truth as he saw it, in a matter-of-fact kind of way. When we were talking, he said, "I saw a flying saucer early last night, it was traveling southeast on Clark Street." (Hmmm, the same direction mentioned in the "Sky Watch" column.) He described the sighting simply, as if not such an uncommon experience, saying only that it looked like those science fiction pictures that he'd seen.

This story is proof that it pays to look up to the sky often, whether to admire a fiery sunset, puffy clouds or the moon and stars - or to spot a "Starship" heading southeast on Clark Street. On a cold, clear winter night, you just might get lucky.

Betsy can be reached at: [betsymcg@comcast.net](mailto:betsymcg@comcast.net)

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Wal-Mart Store Manager, Beth Waterhouse organized a food drive to benefit the Merrimack Valley Food Bank and the Tewksbury Food Pantry. On Wednesday morning volunteers from the Tewksbury Food pantry collected more than 6 carts of donated items. Pictured in photo from l-r: are Wal-Mart employees Dustin Wine, Grbriel Robles, Beth Waterhouse, and Myland Sands with volunteers from the Tewksbury Food Pantry Chris Vollmar, Ken Walsh and Ed Flanagan. Photo by Maureen Brady

## Tewksbury Rotary Club

# Rodrigues receives Hats Off Award

BY SHARON ADELMAN  
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The Tewksbury Rotary Club recognized Tewksbury Memorial High School senior Alyssa Rodrigues last month during its Hats Off Award Luncheon.

Alyssa, daughter of Decio and Marta Rodrigues, was nominated by faculty members

Cynthia Peloquin and Justine Puma. They describe Alyssa as "someone who does kind things even

when no one is looking, gets along well with everyone and uses that ability to bring together groups of students who wouldn't normally work together." They explained, "She's awesome!"

Alyssa is a member of the TMHS Drama Club and plays indoor soccer for the Tyngsboro Sports Center. She is involved with the Board of the Lowell Portuguese Youth Center and Civil Air Patrol. Her work experience includes Launch Trampoline Park in Nashua, New Hampshire and Canobie Lake Park in

Salem, New Hampshire as security. She is currently enrolled in the US Army and hopes to become a police officer.

The Tewksbury Rotary Club is an organization of local business and community leaders dedicated to service above self. The club raises money for scholarships and numerous worthwhile causes in the greater Tewksbury area.

Hat's Off is a joint initiative of the Tewksbury Rotary Club and Tewksbury Memorial High School.



Hats Off in December honored Alyssa Rodrigues (middle, left) and Kyle Puleo (middle, right). Assistant Principal Jason Stamp, left, and Jayne Miller, Tewksbury Rotary Club President. The Rotary Club and TMHS co-sponsor the Hats Off Program recognizing the achievements of TMHS seniors.

Courtesy Photo

## Tewksbury Rotary Club

# Puleo receives Hats Off Award

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TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Rotary Club recognized an extraordinary student last month during its Hats Off Award Luncheon.

Tewksbury Memorial High School senior, Kyle Puleo, was nominated for distinguishing himself academically, contributing to the co-curricular program at TMHS and demonstrating active involvement within the community.

Kyle, son of Michael and Cindy Puleo, was nominated by faculty member Ms. Justine Puma for being one of the best that TMHS has to offer: an excellent student, athlete, captain and "genuinely awesome kid".

Puma described Kyle as "A hard worker who will do his best all of the time with a smile on his face. His efforts within the classroom and out of the classroom demonstrate the quality of his character and his well-rounded activities."

A recipient of numerous Renaissance Gold and Silver Card Awards, Kyle achieved an SAT score of 1760, passed both AP Chemistry and AP US History exams and received the John and

Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Kyle is President of the International Club, Peer Leadership Club, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts (the coed branch of scouting for ages 14-21), Order of the Arrow (also known as the Scouting's National Honors Society) and recipient of both the Eagle Scout Award and Roland Gilbert Award of Servant Leadership.

Athletic activities include winter, spring and cross country track team. Kyle is captain of the cross country team and recipient of the Cross Country Coaches Award.

Kyle has volunteered at the Cor Unum Soup Kitchen, the Baystate Marathon and National Youth Leadership Training as a staff member, which required approximately 150 hours. In addition, he organized a service project for the Tewksbury Teen

Center and participated in several collection drives and fundraisers for various charities: Soles4Souls, Doctors without Borders, UNICEF and Victims of the Nepal Earthquake.

For the last two years, Kyle has been employed with Angelina's Italian Restaurant as a busser and food runner. He is proud of maintaining academic excellence during a school trip to Puerto Rico, and plans to return in February, 2016.

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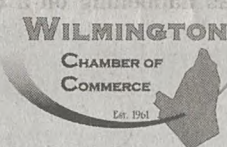
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### Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

#### Chamber Trys CrossFit

Date: Monday, January 25  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Place: CrossFit Ares, 64G Concord St.  
Intro. class for 20 Chamber members.  
RSVP to Chamber required.

#### Business After Hours/Ribbon Cutting

Date: Wednesday, January 27  
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Place: K1 Speed, 40 Fordham Rd.  
Networking event. Register with the Chamber.

#### Multi-Chamber Business Card Exchange

Date: Wednesday, February 3  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm; 4:30 pm Seminar  
Place: Crowne Plaza, Woburn  
Networking event. Register with the Chamber.

#### 9th Annual Chamber Comedy Night & St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Date: Friday, March 11  
Time: Doors open @ 6:30 pm,  
Comics @ 8 pm  
Place: Shriners Auditorium Fez Room  
\$20 per ticket, or reserve a Table of 10

Please contact the Chamber at 978-657-7211 for additional event details.



## Guest Op-Ed

# Red Men mascot should not change

While most in Tewksbury have probably "rung in" 2016 focusing on their families some - like the Board of Selectmen Bruce Panilaitis - are seemingly taking an introspective soul-searching journey regarding the Red Men and what should be done with it. In his Op-Ed entitled "The Tewksbury Mascot" he seems to be jumping on the contemporary, politically popular narrative that suggests the name Red Men is somehow evil, racist or harmful.

Panilaitis' name change Manifesto comes off as a personal blend of "guilt" atonement (he's been uncomfortable with the name for 15 years) as well as an intellectual bromide offered townsfolk to help let Tewksbury's unwashed masses know that Red Men, your historically significant logo (it's not a mascot), is a derogatory name in claiming it means "...the scalp of a Native American returned for a bounty; or a generic reference to all Native Americans based on the color of their skin."

Shocking right? Well perhaps he's on to something - after all, it's a long standing claim that the original Native American name activist Susan Harjo has been peddling for years.

But, however convenient and oft-repeated this claim is, it's actually easily discounted with just a few minutes of thoughtful - unbiased - research. For starters, Harjo's claims were originally debunked by a Washington Post journalist Guy Gugliotta when Harjo's claims first graced the pages of the NFL's Redskins hometown paper and now Tewksbury's. In a moment of journalistic integrity, Gugliotta, actually questioned Harjo about her incredible claim where she demurred on the topic - admitting she had not actually found any early instances of the term Redskin in the context of bloody scalps.

Worse for the Panilaitis' claim is that D.C.'s Smithsonian's Ives Goddard - an expert in his field - likewise called the "scalps" assertion "unfounded". Even Amanda Blackhorse, the name change movement's current leader, intellectually imploded when her own Federal Court expert linguist Jeff Nunberg said in a 2014 Atlantic article that Redskins, "...didn't have anything to do with those stories about bounties for bloody Indian scalps."

Further, Goddard attacks the term's propagandize "race/racist" notion in asserting that Redskin was neutral as its origin is "entirely benign and reflects more positive aspects of relations between Indians and whites." Even the one-time Washington Post reporter Mike Wise, a left leaning activist/journalist, once noted the very reasonable explanation for the Redskins name - per his team media guide - which derived based on some native's penchant for using red paint.

Indeed, the use of what is known to us as sacred red paint defines - objectively and historically - the basis of Massachusetts' own historic Red Men who, by the way, is America's oldest fraternal organization as recognized by Congress.

Indeed the Improved Order of the Red Men are called such as they modeled themselves after the brilliant Native American leaders who gave colonists their first taste of a true democracy via their introduction of Great Law of Peace to the colonists in the 1750s which made a foundational impact on our own Constitution. Moreover, the forerunners

to the "Red Men" were trained by the local red-painted native warriors who specialized in woodland warfare - unique tactics which allowed the British Armies to be beat and independence to be won.

And while Panilaitis ham-handedly suggests that the name and logo "reduce the complicated history of Native Americans in our area to a cartoon caricature," the region's very real, very respectful and very important Red Men tell us a much different and objective story.

In 1893 the European-descended Red Men describe the native "Red Men" in not racial but in literal terms: "Around him sat the chiefs and other members of the tribe. All had their heads and shoulders painted red; many had their hair decked with the white down of birds. Some wore a great chain of white beads about their necks, but no one was without ornament of some kind."

In hopes of forever holding these painted North Americans in the highest regard, these Red Men composed a value proposition for all Red Men to follow: "...Every true, intelligent Red Man takes great delight in the fact that we are the acknowledged conservators of the history, the customs, and the virtues of the original American people, a people conceded by the early travellers (sic) and writers to have been intelligent, brave, and free, loyal in its friendships, generous in its hospitalities, and with many traits of character worthy of emulation by the civilized race."

Mr. Panilaitis and the people of Tewksbury should remember that the Red Men's goal was to perpetuate the memory "the noblest type of man" - the Native American. Thus, it is in this spirit that I would ask that those who've jumped aboard this "change the name" bandwagon rethink the lessons we are about to teach our children.

If we choose to so easily abandon the clearly positive, rich and meaningful cultural values that the Red Men embodied - how can we expect them to reasonably assume the mantle of leadership in defending the concepts of E-Pluribus Unum when history calls upon them to make their stand?

Yours is a clear, righteous and justified cultural fight which shouldn't include the fear of offending those who've never took the time to learn the truth of their namesake symbol. I'm sure we can agree that the original Red Men of both culture groups would fight this name change.

Moving ahead means accepting both positive and negative historical facts to study and learn from, keeping the best of our now-blended cultures (Native and Non-Native) as our vision to lead the way.

Mr. Panilaitis suggests it's time to toss away the Red Men like an out-of-date calendar. But do we really think the Tewksbury Tigers, Eagles or Bobcats can convey anything close to the powerful history and tradition that the Red Men convey?

Finally, in accepting the Adidas "name change" bounty, you would be forever linked to a desperate company founded and named after a Nazi Party/German Army bootmaker known as "Adi". So, it begs to question, who really needs to re-think changing their name? I don't think it's you.

Andre Billeaudeau is Executive Director of the Native American Guardians Association.



# Let's Hear it!!

# Your Two Cents...



Conduct unbecoming from so many adults saying and writing terrible things to current students and recent alumni of TMHS about the mascot controversy. If that's any indication of the thoughtful discourse the school committee should consider, I think we will be seeing a new mascot soon - and hopefully the kids will pick it.

-Disgusted in Tewksbury

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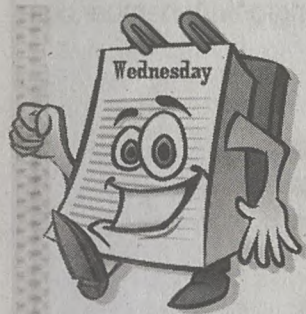
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### Wilmington: Knights of Columbus Karaoke and Dancing

Friday, January 22 from 8:00 PM-Midnight  
Knights of Columbus Smoke-Free Members' Lounge  
Bring snacks and friends, but no beverages. This event is open to anyone over 21 and is held in the Smoke-Free Members' Lounge.

### Families Anonymous

Every Thursday at 7 PM  
United Methodist Church  
Families Anonymous is a worldwide 12-step recovery program. Families Anonymous is a support program for people whose lives are affected by the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. No dues or fees are required for membership. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. Advanced notice is not necessary to attend a meeting. Visitors are welcome. For information or questions about this meeting, call 978-973-5645 or 978-408-1646 or email fa\_wilmington@hotmail.com. For information about the Families Anonymous program, please visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

### Wilmington Dance Academy Holiday Black Light Party

Saturday, January 23 from

6 PM-9 PM  
Wilmington Dance Academy, 335 Main Street  
The party will include dancing under the black lights, games, holiday music, glow in the dark nail polish & face paint, and holiday snacks. Make sure to wear white or fluorescent colors. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the studio office or by calling WDA at 978-253-4598. The event is \$25 per child and is open to anyone in first grade or above.

### First Annual Wilmington Knights of Columbus Spicy & Sweet Night

Friday, January 29 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave. Member's Lounge Back Entrance  
The Chili Cooks are: "The Vagrants", Gianna, Ann Kavanaugh, Jackie Fitzgerald-Roberto and Robert Cimeno. There are still plenty of openings for the dessert cook-off. During round 1 all of the guests who wish to vote will sample the chili of each cook anonymously. The top 2 winners of the popular vote will then be entered for the final round, which will be judged by Wilmington Fireman Bob Woods. In between round 1 and 2 of the cook off, learn about cake decorating with local pastry chef, Kara Bernardo. For the dessert contest, simply bring your favorite dessert and cut it into small pieces for every-

one to sample. The winner of both the Chili Cook off & Dessert contest will receive a prize. Feel free to bring snacks and dinner along to accompany your Chili and Dessert, but no beverages. For more details, please contact Lisa at 978-604-7518 or misslisak@verizon.net.

### Annual Comedy Night

Friday, February 5  
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, 777 South Street  
Comedy Night is sponsored by the Wilmington Sons of Italy and WHS Band Doors open at 8:00 and show starts at 9:00 featuring 3 comedians from Boston's Comedy Connection. Entry is \$20 per person and a cash bar will be available. Bring your own snacks. A silent auction and raffles will be held. Proceeds go to benefit scholarship funds of both organizations. This event is always a sell-out! To reserve your tickets, call Kevin at 978-657-7734.

### Family Movie and Craft Night

Friday, February 12 from 6:30-8 PM  
Abundant Life Church, 173 Church Street  
Bring your children to watch Veggie Tales "The Wonderful World of Ha's" and do fun crafts. Donations for the Wilmington Food Pantry are suggested. For more information, call 978-658-8584 or visit ablifchurch.org.

### WHS Class of 1976 Plans a 40th Reunion

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
The reunion will be at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks and will begin outdoors in the "Grove" at 4 PM, weather permitting. Otherwise, if raining, the party begins inside at 6 PM to 11 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more info, please contact Class President, Rosie Wallant at rosiewallant@hotmail.com or call 978-658-7376. Official invitations will be emailed out by December 1. The reunion is open to other classmates of mid-1970's classes. Also visit Wilmington High School Class of 1976 on Facebook for details and updates.

### Tewksbury:

### Native American History in Tewksbury

Thursday, Jan. 21, 7pm  
Dave Marcus, Interim President of the Tewksbury Historical Society, will examine the history of Native Americans in Tewksbury. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the rich history of Native Americans in this area. Register for this free event by calling librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or email rhayes@mvlc.org.

### Travel Virtually with Hidden Gems

### Program

Thursday, January 21 at 7 PM  
Tewksbury Public Library  
Enjoy a library program that's perfect for planning weekend trips. Author Alison O'Leary will present a slide show of stunning New England scenery that highlights a variety of historical, scenic and adventurous destinations in New Hampshire, Vermont and the Berkshires. New England's woods and wild places are full of stories: cannibalism in Vermont, Thoreau's cold and lonely night on Massachusetts' Mt. Greylock, an Eskimo in New Hampshire. Cozy local inns where travelers can benefit from local knowledge of innkeepers and enjoy locally-grown, home cooked fare are also highlighted in the program. O'Leary and co-author Michael J. Tougas have visited each inn and taken every hike outlined but have difficulty choosing favorites. The Hidden Gems presentation offers enough information about specific locations to whet your appetite as well as a few important "how-to" tips that will make your travels more enjoyable, including: calculating hiking time to keep your outing realistic; making kayak trips easier; and choosing destinations that suit everyone in your party. O'Leary says. The slide presentation is free, open to the public and suitable for all ages. A book signing will follow. Michael Tougas is author of There's A

Porcupine in my Outhouse, winner of Best Nature Book of the Year, as well as several Best Day Hike titles published by the Appalachian Mountain Club Press. Alison O'Leary is an award-winning travel writer and journalist.

### TMHS Mascot Public Forum

Wed., Jan 27, 6PM  
Members of the public are welcome to a forum in the TMHS gymnasium to discuss the continuation of the high school's "Redmen" mascot. Those wishing to speak will be limited to three minutes.

### Billerica:

### A Night Out with Jim Plunkett

Saturday, Jan. 16 from 7 PM-Midnight  
Billerica Elks, 14 Webb Brook Road  
This fundraiser is sponsored by the Shawheen Tech PAC. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Bring your own snacks for your table. A cash bar will be available. General admission is \$20 and tables of 10 can be reserved for \$200. Tickets won't be sold at the door. They can be purchased at the PAC meeting on the first Tuesday night of every month. You can also order tickets by emailing amymichaud@hotmail.com or calling 978-851-8501 or 978-821-8624. All proceeds go to the All Night Graduation Party.





# Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

## Academy Award Trivia Night Feb 1

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding support for library programs!

### Clarity, Choices, and Your Job Search

Monday, January 25, 10 am  
Whether you are looking for a new job or thinking about making a career move, getting clear on your choices and what you have control over is crucial. In this interactive and engaging session, Certified Coach Deb Elbaum will discuss how to clarify your next steps and your goals, and how to recognize the choices that are in your control throughout the process.

### Nutrition for the New Year: Three Easy Meals

Thursday, January 28, 7 pm  
Nutrition expert Anna Tourkakis, author of *Delicious Simplicity*:

Recipes for Today's Busy Life will demonstrate an easy to follow day's menu with a focus on foods which maximize healthy weight maintenance, energy level, and well-being.

### Coupon Swap

Monday, February 1, 12 pm-1 pm  
Bring and trade coupons. Learn to save! Drop in

### The Academy Awards: The Good, The Bad, & The Outrageous

Monday, February 1, 7pm  
Join us for a fun filled evening of trivia based on current and previous nominees and winners, some history of the award, clips of memorable Oscar moments and a free raffle/"door prize".

### Adult Coloring Group

Monday, February 1, 7 pm  
Join in on the latest craze with our Adult Coloring Group. The group meets the first Monday of the month. No need to register, just drop in. Bring your own coloring books and pencils, or use ours.

### Cookin' the Books

February 2, 12 pm - 1 pm  
Featured Cookbook: *Baking: From My Home to Yours* - Dorie Greenspan  
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this book group is for you. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured cookbook, select a recipe and email your selection to book club leader Lisa Crispin ([lcrispin@mvlc.org](mailto:lcrispin@mvlc.org)). Come to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes and enjoy the company!

### Kids & Teen Events

#### Little Movers \*RR

Monday, January 25, 10 am  
Let's move! Join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and moving around! Ages 18 months-2

#### PJ Storytime

Monday, January 25, 6:30 pm  
Wear your snuggly pajamas and bring your favorite teddy bear or blanket and enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults.

#### Music and More with

### Bernadette Baird \*RR

Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 pm  
Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance. Ages infant-4 years

### Galley Group \*RR

Wednesday, January 27, 3:45 pm  
Want to discover the next big thing in YA lit? Galley Group is for you! Hang out with other teen fiction aficionados and read books before they're published. Snacks provided. Grades 6-12

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Friday, January 29, 9am  
Storytimes help build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading. Kids will enjoy age appropriate books, songs, rhymes, movement activities and more! Sign up for a six week session of age-appropriate storytimes for your child.

### Drop-In Storytime

Friday, January 29, 10 am  
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited, tickets will be distributed on first-come, first served basis. Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults.

### Percy Jackson Not Quite Sleepover \*RR

Friday, January 29, 7-11 pm  
Join us at the library after hours for an epic Percy Jackson celebration of

mythological proportions. Snacks, crafts, and movies will play a part in the festivities. Grades 4-8

### Baby Times

Saturday, January 30, 9:30 am  
Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

### Dads and Donuts

Saturday, January 30, 10:30 am  
Dads and their kids ages 2 and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Louise (Froton) Colman

Accomplished knitter; loved to dance; taught Sunday School

How can one summarize a life well lived, in a few short paragraphs? When it comes to Barbara Louise (Froton) Colman, it is very hard. This will be a document of moments and facts, she was so much more than these. Barbara died Christmas Day 2015, a day of celebration, family and faith; as it should be.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert E. Colman, Sr.; her children Diana MacDonald of Hillsborough, NH, Kathy Lynch of Billerica, MA and Bobbi Colman of Newton, MA; her siblings Dorothea Holmes, Indianapolis, Indiana, Shirley Froton of Haverhill, MA, Richard Froton of San Diego, CA and Mary Elaine Kelly of Kennebunk, ME her grandchildren Jenn Keller, James White, Patrick & Eliot Savage, Carrie Ann Medley, Francesca Lynch, Sarah Larsen and Emma Colman; and great grandchildren William and Logan Parra, Sebastian Keller and Joey Lynch. Barbara is predeceased by her children Rick Colman and Barbara Ellen Larsen; her siblings Burton, Buddy (Edward), Ronald, David and Freddy Froton. Born at home in



Wilmington, Massachusetts on November 21, 1934, to Burton and Mary (Walsh) Froton, she was just beginning her 82nd year. Barbara loved to dance and she studied ballet as a girl and was part of the cheerleading squad in high school. She graduated from Wilmington High School with a major in business in 1952.

Meeting the love of her life at Kitty's in Tewksbury, MA, in September/October 1957, they were married on July 4, 1958. Barbara & Bob raised their children in Wilmington and Woburn, MA. They always had an 'extra family' member or two living with them; an extension of their faith and hospitality.

Barbara was an accomplished knitter and could often be found making intricate Barbie doll clothes for

her girls' Christmas gifts. She was a generous individual who loved to be with people; playing cards, playing softball or bowling. She was passionate about her Savior and was active in her church teaching Sunday School, working on church suppers and fairs.

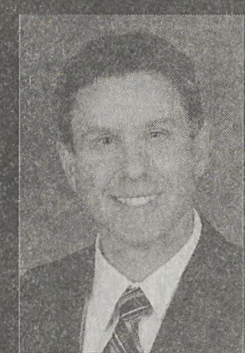
Condolences can be sent to Robert E. Colman, Sr., 23 Wyman Rd, Billerica, MA 01821-3725.

Barbara's family would like to thank the caregivers at Woodbriar Rehabilitation in Wilmington, MA for their care and dedication making Barbara's last few months full of quality and kindness.

Deceased's funeral arrangements: A memorial service and luncheon will be held at the Heritage Park Baptist Church, 129 Lexington St, Burlington, MA 01803 on Saturday January 23rd. Service begins at 11:30 am followed by the luncheon on site. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Barbara's life.



Children's author Jane Sutton visited the North Street School in Tewksbury on Tuesday morning. Kimsan Nguyen, Rebecca Harris and George DeGregorio got a close up look at her new book "The Trouble with Cauliflower" after her presentation to the 4th grade students. Photo by Maureen Brady



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Making the list from Tewksbury includes Jordan

Ezekiel and Lauren Page both of the Class of 2019 and Brittany Voto of the Class of 2017. All three students are majoring in nursing.

Wilmington residents include Emily Crannell, Class of 2016, who is majoring in English, and Kerrienne Marino, also of the Class of 2016, who is majoring in Applied Physics.

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert E. Brabant

Drove for Canelas Disposal Company; "Guys guy"; loved fishing

WILMINGTON - Robert E. Brabant, "Bob", age 83, of Wilmington, formerly of Tewksbury, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 16, 2016, at Lowell General Hospital Saints Campus.

Bob was born in Wilmington on June 8, 1932; he was the dear son of the late Aristide and Elizabeth Brabant. Bob was raised in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1949.

In his early years Bob worked as a cab driver for his dad's company, Wilmington Cab; Bob had fond memories of working for his father and lots of great stories. Bob went on to work as a truck driver for Canelas Disposal Company where he worked for many years before retiring.

Bob married his "sweet-heart" Angelina DiChiara in 1960; together they raised a family of four sons and had lots of great times before her passing in December of 2011. Bob and Angelina lived in Wilmington for many years before moving to California for a couple of years and then returning to Massachusetts where they lived in Tewksbury for more than 20 years.



In his spare time, Bob enjoyed fishing and following the New England Patriots; he was known to be an avid football fan.

Bob will be fondly remembered as a "Guys guy"; he was very sociable, lovable, and friendly. Bob always made friends wherever he went; people just loved him. Bob's unconditional devotion to his family was evident in everything he did and he will be greatly missed by all.

Bob was the beloved husband of the late Angelina T. (DiChiara) Brabant, devoted father of Bob Elfman & his wife Joanne of Pepperell, Kevin Brabant & his wife Jane of Lowell, Steven Brabant of North Reading, and David Brabant

& his wife Lisa of Wilmington. Loving "Papa" of Lindsay, Rachel, Bob, Kevin, Brian, Tony, Jessica, Nathan, Danielle, Steven, Daniel, Heather, Stephanie, Kristen, and great-grandchildren Drew, Mia, Brennan, Riley, Colton, Alexis, Jessica, Emily, Nico, Caleb, Madison, Mathew, and Hailey. Son of the late Aristide and Elizabeth (McDonough) Brabant. Bob was one of six siblings and is survived by his brother of Bernard "Swig" Brabant of Dudley.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, January 19th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Bob's Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Rte. 62) Wilmington. Interment followed in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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## Jean W. Kent

Teacher at Abundant Life School and Lyndon, Washington

TEWKSBURY - Jean W. Kent (Watrous), age 63, of Tewksbury, MA, formerly of Springfield, PA, Big Horn, Wyoming and Lyndon, WA, went home to be with the Lord on January 16, 2016.

Jean was born on July 2, 1952, in Roanoke, Virginia; she was the cherished only daughter of the late Raymond L. Watrous, Jr. and Mildred (Thomas) Watrous of Melbourne, FL. Jean was raised in Springfield, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Springfield High School. Jean continued her education at Barrington College in Rhode Island and earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from West Chester College in Pennsylvania.

Jean married the "love of her life", whom she met at the "Blue Church", Russell H. Kent III, in May of 1974 and soon after they started their family. Jean and Russell moved to Big Horn, Wyoming. They lived in Big Horn for six years. Russell and Jean then moved to Lyndon, Washington where they raised their children; Nathaniel, Deborah, and Joanne.

Jean adored being a wife and mother. She was always there for her family and put her teaching career on hold to be home with her children. Jean's unconditional love and support for her family was always evident; she was so proud of all of their accomplishments and they were always first and foremost in her life. Jean always did the "little things" for them; whether it was sewing a special outfit, cooking their favorite meal, or sending thoughtful packages containing some favorite items. Jean wanted them to know how much she loved them.

When her own children were grown, Jean put her education to use and took a teaching position in Lyndon,



Washington as a fourth grade teacher. After 12 years, Jean and Russell moved to South Boston, Massachusetts in 1997 and settled in Tewksbury in 2001. Jean went on to teach second grade students at Abundant Life School in Wilmington, Massachusetts. Jean really enjoyed her students. She loved their open minds, sense of humor, and willingness to learn. Generations of students still enjoy reading thanks to Jean.

Jean was a wonderful seamstress who found time to make pillows, curtains, and clothes for her family and friends. Jean also enjoyed cooking, trying new recipes, and kitchen experiments. Always the teacher, Jean would grade her meals according to their success at the dinner table.

In her spare time, Jean enjoyed shopping and finding the ultimate bargain or spending time in her flower garden where she was known for the "green thumb" she inherited from her dad.

Jean was an avid baseball fan who enjoyed listening to a game on the radio or attending at the ball park. While Jean always rooted for the "home team" wherever she lived, her favorite teams were the Philadelphia Phillies and, of course, the Boston Red Sox.

Jean was a member of the

Wilmington Congregational Church where she was a consistent presence who enjoyed being quietly involved in the congregation. Jean's deeply rooted faith in God sustained her throughout her life. When Jean was called home on January 16th, she was ready to be with the Lord and take her place in heaven.

Jean was the beloved wife of Pastor Russell H. Kent III, devoted and loving mother of Nathaniel H. Kent and his wife Mira of Gwangju, South Korea, Dr. Deborah A. Kent of Des Moines, Iowa, and Joanne E. Carroll and her husband Samuel of Champaign, Illinois. Jean was the dear sister of Raymond L. Watrous III and his wife Micheline of Belle Mead, New Jersey and David T. Watrous of Melbourne, Florida, sister-in-law of Terry K. Scancelli of Flushing, Michigan and Tracy K. Pratt of Orlando, Florida. Jean is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at the Wilmington Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday evening, January 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Jean's graveside service will be held on Monday, January 25th at the Mount Carmel Presbyterian Cemetery, 6410 Lee Jackson Highway, Steeles Tavern, Virginia, at 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jean's memory may be made to Partners with Brothers in Asia, 245 Caleb Drive, West Chester, PA 19382 or to Abundant Life Christian School, 173 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

## Joan M. Cahill

devoted wife and mother; member of "The Roaring 50's Girls"

WILMINGTON - Joan M. Cahill (Revane), fondly known as "Joy" to her family and friends, age 80, of Marco Island, FL and Wells, ME, formerly of Wilmington and Millbury, died peacefully on January 14, 2016.

Joy was born on October 4, 1935, in Worcester, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late John and Marjorie Revane. Joy was raised and educated in Millbury, MA and a graduate of Millbury High School with the Class of 1952. Joy really enjoyed her high school; she remained very close to her girlfriends throughout the years and they dubbed themselves "The Roaring 50's Girls". These ladies would meet once a month at each other's houses, travel, and enjoy each other's company; they were true friends in every sense of the word.

Joy married the "love of her life" Gilbert Cahill and together they shared many wonderful years until his passing in May of 2009. In the early years of marriage, Joy and Gilbert resided in Millbury where they raised



their son David before moving to Wilmington where they lived for nearly 20 years. Joy was a devoted wife and mother; her family was always the center of her life.

Joy enjoyed doing everything with her family and friends; skiing, snowy mountains, traveling, the beach, sunbathing, her summers in Wells, ME and her winters in Marco Island, FL.

Joy was very kind and sweet; she made friends wherever she went, and she will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Joy was the beloved wife of

the late Gilbert F. Cahill, devoted mother of David G. Cahill and his fiancé Linda A. Lucey of Marco Island, FL and Wells, ME. Cherished daughter of the late John E. and Marjorie (Dennison) Revane, dear sister of John "Jack" Revane of Webster, sister-in-law of John & Barbara Cahill and Paul & Sharon Cahill all of Worcester, Marie & Leo Majeski of Burlington, and Carol Cahill of Indianapolis, IN. Joy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Monday, January 18th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

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## Doris K. Nash

Licensed Social Worker with Winchester Hospital

WILMINGTON - Doris K. Nash (Miller), age 86, of Wilmington, died peacefully on January 19, 2016, at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House.

Doris was born on August 27, 1929, in Waltham, MA; she was the cherished daughter of the late Bertram and Nema (Porter) Miller. Doris was raised in Medford and was a graduate of Medford High School.

In her later years, Doris went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Social Work from Middlesex Community College in Bedford. Doris loved to help people and used her degree to the fullest; she took a position at Winchester Hospital as a Licensed Social Worker and became a passionate advocate at the hospital. Doris went on to start up the "Life-Line" at Winchester Hospital which became quite important in getting emergency help to those in need and saved many lives throughout the years.

Doris loved her fashion and was always well dressed and accessorized.

Doris loved discount shopping for clothing and jewelry; she had quite a knack for putting her outfits together. Equally she enjoyed putting together individualized "goodie" bags for gifts to family.



In her spare time, Doris loved reading her romance novels and doing her liquid embroidery. Doris had a fascination for Egyptian history; she enjoyed researching and reading about the culture and the pyramids.

Doris will be fondly remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She treasured all of the time she spent with her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Doris enjoyed countless family celebrations, holidays, and vacations. Doris loved to travel with her husband Ed from coast to coast and her most memorable trips were to Hawaii and Bermuda.

Doris was a wonderful and generous woman who was always helping others and she will be greatly missed by

all who knew and loved her.

Doris was the beloved wife of Edwin G. Nash, devoted mother of William Arrington, Sr. & his wife Earlene of Westford, MA, Donna Desmarais of Rochester, NH, David Coye & his wife Mary of Litchfield, NH, Diane Sylvester & her husband Charles Jr. of Wilmington, Leonard Nash of California, Stephen Nash of Ohio, Michael Nash of Maine, Scott Nash of Lowell, and Maureen Stevens & her husband Frank of Wilmington. Loving grandmother of Brian, Christopher, David, Marie, Cameron, Kyle, Trey, Desiree, Amanda, Jillian, Jonathan, Jacqueline, Heather, Parker, Frankie, Ashley, as well as many great-grandchildren including "her boy" Mason. Doris was the dear sister of Donald Miller of Wilmington and sister-in-law of Helena Meade of South Boston.

Family and Friends will gather for Visiting Hours on Friday, January 22nd from 4:00-7:00 in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. In lieu of flowers donation in Doris' memory may be made to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House, 320 Haverhill Street, Reading, MA 01867.

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## Marianne M. O'Neil

Family in Wilmington

SATELLITE BEACH, FL - Marianne M. O'Neil, age 72, of Satellite Beach, FL, died peacefully surrounded by her family on January 15, 2016. Marianne was the cherished daughter of James P. and the late Jean M. (George) O'Neil of Wilmington and Maine formerly of Somerville, long-time companion of Joe Colombo of Satellite Beach, FL, beloved sister of Beverly Childers & her husband Frank of Stoneham, Madonna Toto & her husband Michael of Wilmington, and Deborah Picardi & her late husband Gino of Satellite Beach, FL. Devoted Aunt of Geno & Amanda Picardi, Kathy-Jean LeBel, Frankie & Kim Childers, Stephen & Daniela



Barresi, David & Renay Barresi, Rebecca Caples, and Great Aunt of Emma, Bryan, Noah, Cole, Domenic, David, Stella, Ava, Mia, Stefano, and Bianca. Marianne is also survived by many loving cousins.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, January 26th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Monday, January 25th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Memorial donations in Marianne's name may be made to the William Childs Hospice House, 381 Medplex Parkway NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907.

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Barbara (Froton) Colman  
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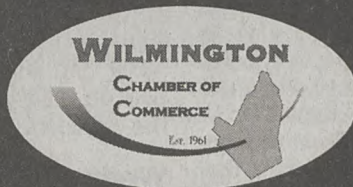
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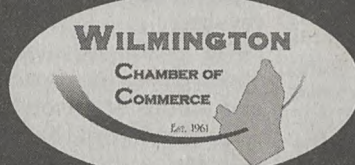
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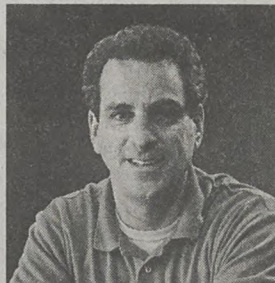
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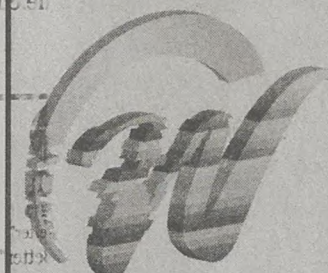
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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Identity fraud arrest

**Monday, January 11**

12:55 AM - Caller reporting a large branch in the roadway by Raytheon on North Street. Officer sent and reports gone on arrival. Andover Police department notified to check Andover Street by their Raytheon.

2:14 AM - Security Guard from National Grid Substation reported a suspicious vehicle on the property. Police sent and the report it is a Davey Tree employee.

5:42 AM - Officer at Ira Toyota due to an alarm on one of the vehicles going off. Officer reported that the area appears to be secure.

**Tuesday, January 12**

11:25 AM - A male party walked into the station to report that his town-issued trash barrel is either missing or stolen from his Foster Road property. He requests this to be logged.

1:43 AM - Officer returning with one under arrested for the detectives at Woburn Street. Giovany Gonzales, 24, of 58 Monument Street in Charlestown, MA, was arrested and charged with distributing class B drugs.

2:34 PM - Caller reports that when she returned home from work, her front door was open on Hillside Drive. She is afraid to enter the residence and requests to have an officer secure the area. Officer sent and the area is secure.

**Wednesday, January 13**

3:04 AM - Call from neighbor for a van driving around the lot of Ames Hill Drive multiple times. Police sent. Parties spoken to. Filed a report.

5:58 AM - Caller reporting a suspicious black Chrysler 300 at Joseph Drive. Officer sent. They respond it is a limousine service picking up someone.

**Thursday, January 14**

3:35 PM - Police off at Appletree Road and Main Street for marked lanes violation. Alberto Domitriz, 39, of 32 West Sixth Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended and marked lanes violation.

**Friday, January 15**

1:02 PM - Loss Prevention notified the police that they had another shop lifting incident going on while she was in the store of Home Depot. Brian Mansfield, 34, of 5 Wilson Street in Billerica, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

4:31 PM - A town resident came into the station to report that he received a phone call from a male party identifying himself as a Tewksbury Police Officer a few days ago. He did state that the check was for the New England Narcotics Officers Association. The

police informed him that the organization is legitimate but the Tewksbury Police Department has nothing to do with it. Dispatcher contacted the phone number on the sheet. The party that answered said he was in charge and had no knowledge of it. He informed the police that he would contact the solicitor room to ask the caller if they are representing themselves as Tewksbury Police Officers when calling Tewksbury residents.

4:49 PM - Multiple callers reporting an erratic operator at 75 Livingston Street and 1866 Main Street. Police sent. Margaret Vachon, 49, of 1246 Whipple Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, marked lanes violation and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

7:01 PM - Caller from Orchard Street reporting someone knocked on her door accusing her son of stealing the other woman's son's iPhone at the high school. Caller stated her son has been out of high school for five years. Caller stated the female party has left the area and she can no longer see her. Police sent and they report the female was gone upon arrival.

**Saturday, January 16**

5:35 PM - Male walked in reporting he went to the Crystal News to play his lottery when he saw a sign stating "use other door," yet other door was blocked. Business was contacted, states all is okay. Police sent to confirm.

6:09 PM - Dracut Police Department requesting assistance with a stolen credit card that was taken from their Planet Fitness earlier today. Dracut advised the Tewksbury Police Department that the credit card was used at Marriot Residence Inn to rent a room. Courtney Eno, 24, of 55 Althea Avenue in Tyngsboro, was arrested and charged with false impersonation and identity fraud, receive stolen credit card, credit card fraud over \$250, and receiving stolen property - \$250.

9:00 PM - A 911 caller reports suspicious activity on the second floor apartment of 12 Bow Street. Police responding. Police all clear. Officer has spoken to the caller.

**Sunday, January 17**

3:33 AM - Officers are out with a male party walking at 353 Chandler Street and 1229 Main Street. Officer offered to give him a ride home.

10:00 AM - A 911 caller reports that he has just hit a dog with his vehicle at 487 River Road at 1 Bailey Road. The dog is with the owner at this time, and the caller is standing by the location. Animal Control was notified. Police sent and they report that he spoke with both parties; they will be following up with Animal Control.

11:46 PM - A 911 caller stated he just observed a gold colored pick up truck hit a telephone pole and then drive away on North Street. Officer sent. Area was checked out but gone on arrival.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Spate of cars hitting poles this week

**Monday, January 11:**

9:42 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Mitsubishi Galant and a Saab 9-5. No one was injured in the collision.

**Tuesday, January 12:**

8:56 AM: Ryan Timothy Harrington, 24, of 236 Fox Hill Rd. in Burlington was arrested on a warrant for possession of a Class A narcotic. He was also cited for an expired inspection sticker.

2:53 PM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the end of an off ramp on Route 62 involving a Nissan Altima and a Chevrolet Silverado.

6:24 PM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Middlesex Ave. involving a Chevrolet Malibu and an Acura MDX.

7:33 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred in front of the station at the intersection of Church St. mans Beacon St. involving a GMC Terrain and a Toyota Prius. The airbags were deployed in the crash.

7:58 PM: A Volkswagen GTI struck a pole on Glen Rd. No one was injured in the collision. The pole had only superficial damage.

8:00 PM: An Oldsmobile Intrigue struck a pole on Hillside Way. No one was injured in the collision. Condition of the pole unclear...

**Wednesday, January 13:**

11:29 AM: A power wire for Clark St. and Main Street was taken down by a tree. The Fire Department and Reading Light responded to the incident.

7:06 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred by Sonny's Mobile On the Run on Lowell St. involving a BMW X3 and a MINI Cooper. Both of the cars sustained minor damage. No one was injured in the collision.

**Thursday, January 14:**

2:49 AM: Valdo Braga, 54, of 270 Lawrence St. in Lowell was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle after license was revoked.

6:08 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Church St. and Adams St. involving an Infiniti G37 and a Honda Accord. No one was injured in the collision.

7:21 AM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Ave. and Glen Rd. involving a Honda CR-V and a Cadillac SRX.

7:55 AM: A small amount of marijuana and a knife were confiscated from a man on Middlesex Ave. after police got a call stating that he might need medical assistance.

10:00 PM: Wilnor Tereau, 34, of 5 Great

Western Rd. in South Dennis was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. His plates were confiscated.

11:08 PM: A Subaru Legacy was in an off-road accident on Andover St. The car had to be towed, but no one was injured in the collision.

**Friday, January 15:**

10:15 AM: A man described as black, or Hispanic was caught on video looking into multiple vehicles at Anytime Fitness, on Lopez Rd. before smashing the passenger side window of a Toyota Tacoma and stealing several items. A caller who witnessed the breaking and entering followed the burglar as he drove away in a red Ford Fusion, but lost him on Commerce Way.

2:41 PM: A Ford F-350 with a Fisher Mount plow attached was taken from the parking lot of Superior Sealcoat on Andover St.

8:11 PM: Martin Kuchler, 47, of 4 App Ct. in Woburn was arrested for vandalism, intimidating a witness, and resisting arrest after damaging several items at a house on South St. and fleeing before officers could arrive. Kuchler was arrested at 360 Middlesex Ave.

**Saturday, January 16:**

10:49 AM: Ten wooden stakes in Ash St. used as markers for snow plows were smashed the previous night. Three metal rods were left behind along with debris from the stakes.

2:48 PM: Gerald Ahern, 47, of 20 Clark St. was arrested for possession of a Class B narcotic after he was allegedly seen swinging a hammer into traffic by his house.

5:22 PM: Christopher Hope, 28, of 14 Pleasant St. in Haverhill was issued a summons for larceny over \$250 from a disabled or elderly party. Approximately \$1,500 was allegedly stolen.

**Sunday, January 17:**

10:52 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred by Sonny's Mobile On the Run on Lowell St. involving a Honda Accord and a Nissan Altima. One vehicle was towed as it wasn't registered. The driver was given a written warning and her plates were confiscated until she got them registered.

9:15 PM: A white pickup truck with a plow hit a mailbox on Hopkins St. and left toward Billerica.

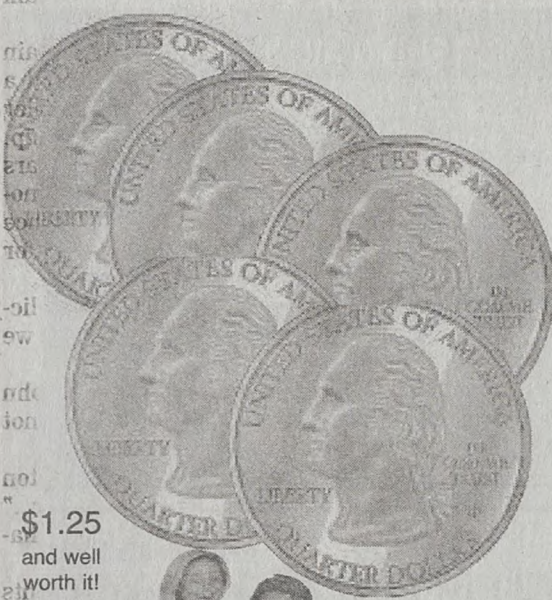
10:39 PM: A Toyota Sequoia hit a pole on Federal St. The driver was given a citation for passenger violation and not having their license in their possession.

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# Wilmington says goodbye to Mr. Kelley

David Boeri and Michael Caira give incredibly heartfelt eulogies

By RICK COOKE

Wilmington said goodbye to its adopted son late last week at Saint Dorothy's Parish, with a two-day tribute reserved for the best and the brightest that this nation has to offer.

Frank Kelley was all that and more. Former students from as far as Washington State came to say thank you and farewell. Jon Meads, Class of 1961, travelled across the country to be there, while current Wilmington High School track coach Mike Kinney brought a bus load of his athletes to honor Mr. Kelley.

There were older students, from Mr. Kelley's first class in 1957, and much younger students from his last WHS coaching class of 2014. They all represented close to 60 years of coaching and teaching for Mr. Kelley and it was a rock-solid symbol of what Mr. Kelley meant to this community. No matter how old they were, Mr. Kelley always thought of every one of them as his students. He loved them all, and they loved him right back.

It was a town saying goodbye to a man who had a heart to beat the band and of course there was a band prepared to say goodbye. The Wilmington High School Band in their Wildcat Blue uniforms launched into the team fight song as Mr. Kelley's casket exited the church. Mr. Kelley's sister Jackie and his many nieces and nephews sat in the first two rows of the church and listened with his extended family as former Town

Caira. "Mr. Kelley personified perseverance and positive reinforcement. He was for the underdog, like himself. He was everybody's coach. The man in the pith helmet with the booming voice and the beaming smile, his was a life well-lived. So many people are left to wonder if they made a difference. Mr. Kelley made a difference."

Caira then pointed to just where Mr. Kelley would sit during Mass - slightly to the left and to the rear of the church, where there would always be plenty of room to rest his walking stick. There would be several sticks, one it seemed for each occasion. When it was time to go to church, Mr. Kelley made sure to bring his 'dress' stick - a beautifully hand-carved number.

David Boeri made his way to the front of the church with that stick in his left hand. Boeri then held that beautiful stick high over his head. It was much more than a prop. It was a symbol - a symbol of exactly what Mr. Kelley brought with him to Wilmington. Boeri sounded the call as if it were a proclamation from another time and place.

"Let's begin with the stick, the rod, the staff...that's how we last saw him," Boeri began. "In truth there were always other sticks in the Frank Kelley collection. The utility sticks, the body-double sticks. But this one...this one is the grandmaster. Looking at that staff I'm reminded of the story of the young Arthur who would one



David Boeri used Mr. Kelley's staff while giving his heartfelt eulogy for his former teacher and coach during the funeral services held Friday at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington. (photo by Maureen Brady)

first or last. He was cheering you on. I can remember his big, booming voice across the field while I was running the quarter mile. 'C'mon Davey.' Even if you didn't cross the finish line first, in Kelley's world, you were competing against yourself to better your own personal best and true victory was in that.

"That's why this church is so full or people who have come so far. This is a gathering of the clan Kelley, where so many of us are united in a simple conviction of four words: Mr. Kelley changed my life."

Boeri then left his best Mr. Kelley story for last. It was the real-life tale of a young woman with a disability. Mr.

just 10 seconds under the limit. Of course she finished last. But she was the first runner to cross the finish line on a wooden leg.

"When Mr. Kelley gave her the jersey that was her reward, it read: 'Pain is temporary. Pride lasts a lifetime. Glory is forever. Go for the glory.' Boeri then channeled his teacher Mr. Kelley. Even in death, Mr. Kelley was present to provide a teaching moment for this Friday morning.

"So I asked you, who is

going to carry that stick?" Boeri paused and raised the stick one final time before it is preserved forever in a place of honor at Wilmington High School.

"And the answer is we will all carry it. All of us who believe, like our teacher and coach, in the potential of every student, of every person and invest our faith and hope and love in helping to fulfill that potential."

The service would appropriately include hymn number 378 - "Here I am Lord."

There was the "Prayer of Saint Francis". People quietly wept.

The Wilmington High School band played one final time for their beloved teacher and coach. Mr. Kelley's time on this earth will surely be remembered. The casket was carried just in front of a small gathering of young people. The band had stopped playing. No one was weeping. There were smiles. A final goodbye had gently turned into a celebration of a life well-lived.

## David Boeri's eulogy

Let's begin with stick, the rod, the staff... because that's how most of us last saw him.

In truth there were always other sticks in Frank Kelley's collection. There were utility sticks and body-double sticks. But this one...this one is the grandmaster.

Looking at this staff I'm reminded of the story of the sword and the stone and of the young Arthur who would one day be king.

You remember the prophecy?

"Whoso pulleth out this sword from this stone, is right wise King born of all England!"

Well, who amongst us can lift this stick?

In Frank Kelley's hand it looked big enough to part the Red Sea. Indeed Mr. Kelley was part Moses, part Gandalf, and even a little part Mr. Natural. He was a prophet, a wizard, a punster, a teacher and a coach, a "stinker" and a pillar.

He was imposing, authoritarian, stubborn, principled, open-armed, kind, devoted, patient, and he was there for his students. He was always there.

Mr. Kelley was from a different century. And I'm not talking about the 20th century either. He had no television, no calculator, no computer, no laptop and the idea of a motorized recliner lounge and something called the granny launcher bent him over in laughter. He did have a radio. He listened to AM.

Even his vocabulary could be antiquarian. He never cursed and the strongest language he ever used was to call someone a "chowderhead". Now there's a word that goes back to the early 1800s, and that was the last time it was in fashion. It was a derivative of "jolterhead", an alternative form of "chucklehead", meaning thick-headed.

Frank Kelley could be stubborn headed. He called himself a "stubborn Irishman", but the truth is this Irishman was all Greek. He was drawn to mathematics, to the Pythagorean Theorem, to a sport of throwing a javelin and hurling the discus and running. He loved citius, altius, fortius, faster, higher, farther. Mr. Kelley was a classicist. The best of life was to be found on track and field or at a blackboard with a piece of chalk working on algebraic equations.

He even shared the attitude of the Greek stoics. In the face of adversity he endured pain and hardship without complaint. All we knew as students was that Frank Kelley had a very pronounced limp and one shoe with a much thicker sole than the other. A toddler falling down at two, he had been diagnosed with tuberculosis and an infection in his hip. Admitted to the Peabody Home for Crippled Children, he would spend the next ten years of his childhood on his back, in traction and surgery. And because doctors believed emotional attachments hampered physical recovery he was only able to see his mother once a month. His father died of tuberculosis while Frank was in that Dickensian home for crippled children, a place he did not leave until he was 12.

Mr. Kelley kept this to himself until his last years, never complaining about his afflictions, not a word. Without his biographer Rick Cooke, to whom we are so indebted, we would not have known.

But Kelley refused to think of himself as carrying a cross. Stoically, he believed like John Kennedy once observed quoting a 19th century Protestant minister, "We should pray not for easier lives, but to be stronger men."

Mr. Kelley was one of those strong men and women. No wonder he channeled Winston Churchill, his great motivator. "Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never..." And Frank would generally add four more "never"s that Churchill hadn't. Just for emphasis.

Mr. Kelley spent a lifetime pulling for underdogs and exhorting his athletes and students to do their very best. It didn't matter whether you were first or last. He was cheering you on. I can remember that big booming voice across the field while I was running the quarter mile. "C'mon, Davey."

Even if you didn't cross the finish line first, in Kelley World, you were also competing against yourself to beat your own personal best. True victory was in that, he believed, in being the best you could be. Mr. Kelley was there to cheer you on and help get you there.

As Rick Cooke, his biographer has written... Frank Kelley "believed in young people". That's why this church has been so full with people who have come so far for a class reunion of the whole town. It is a gathering of the clan Kelley, where so many of us are united by the conviction of these simple words: "Mr. Kelley changed my life."

He was a talker. Stories? He had a few...a few thousand. They were his parables of hard work, persistence, optimism, good cheer. The one I never tired of listening to was the story he told of a young student he tried to recruit for his team, as he was always doing.

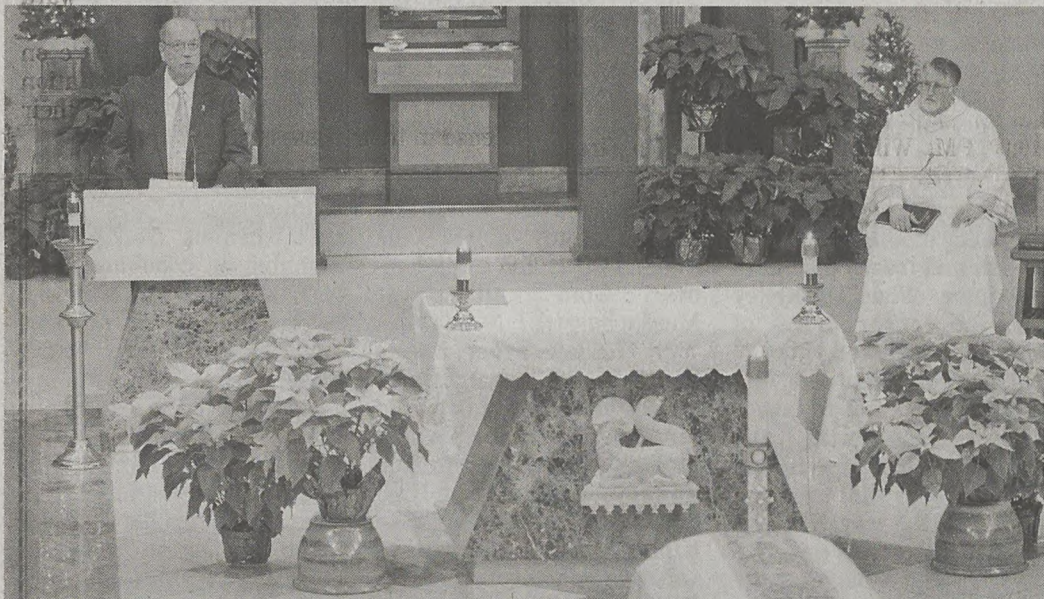
Sadly she said she couldn't run. She had a disability she told Mr. Kelley, who told her she could run, which might seem an audacity coming from anybody other than Mr. Kelley. She agreed to try and slowly he built her confidence and her conditioning. Gradually she could run farther and farther without stopping.

He promised her a reward if she could finish the junior varsity course of less than two miles in less than 24 minutes. A modest challenge it might seem. One the day of the race, as Kelley told the story, she was in the field of runners when the gun went off. Twenty minutes into the race the field was clear save for one runner. At 21 minutes, no runner. At 22 minutes she was still not in sight. Then she came into the view, her teammates cheering and Kelley cheering her on. According to Kelley she finished just 10 seconds short of the goal.

Of course she finished last. But she was the first runner to cross the line on a wooden leg. When Mr. Kelley gave her the jersey that was her reward, it read: "Pain is temporary. Pride lasts a lifetime. Glory is forever. Go for the glory."

Mr. Kelley was a great story teller, but he was an even greater human being. So, we come back to the stick. And I ask you, who is going to carry this stick? Who is going to carry Mr. Kelley's stick? And the answer is we will all carry it.

All of us who believe, like our teacher and coach, in the potential of every student, of every person, and like Mr. to fulfill that potential.



Former Wilmington Town Manager Michael Caira also gave an incredible eulogy in honor of his friend, Mr. Frank Kelley. (photo by Maureen Brady)

Manager Mike Caira and David Boeri (Class of 1967) delivered moving eulogies.

"To his right is the shot put and to his left is the discus and there is Mr. Kelley, sitting on his folding chair," said Caira as he remembered just where Kelley would position himself at a track meet over the years. "That was his home -- the field events. Those moments in life, you miss them. He was one of a kind."

There was a particular inscription on a plaque that Kelley loved, and Caira remembered it. It seemed to him that Kelley thought that it just might be the way to go about living your life. "It said, 'be reasonable- do it my way.'"

Today Wilmington weeps for its adopted son. His passing evokes a bountiful of beautiful thoughts," said

day be king. You remember the prophecy. 'Whoso pulleth out this sword from this stone is right wise King born of all England.' Well, who amongst us can lift this stick?" Boeri asked.

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Boeri, like everyone attending what was a celebration of Mr. Kelley's life, had a particular memory that he cherished. His eulogy included one such memory.

"Mr. Kelley spent a lifetime cheering for underdogs and exhorting his students to do their very best. It didn't matter whether you were

Kelley loved to challenge students to reach beyond what they thought they were capable of achieving.

"He was a talker. Stories... he had a few...a few thousand. They were parables of hard work, optimism, good cheer. The one I never tired of listening to was the story he told of a young student who said she couldn't run. She had a disability she told Mr. Kelley, who told her she could run, which might seem like an audacity for anybody else to say. She agreed to try, and slowly he built her confidence and her conditioning. He promised her a reward if she could finish the junior varsity course of less than two miles in less than 24 minutes. A modest challenge it might seem. On the day of the race, as Kelley told the story, she finished in 23 minutes and 50 seconds,



The family and friends of Frank Kelley gathered at the Wilmington K of C following her funeral service at St. Dorothy's Church. From left: Brian Kendall, great-nephew, Deb Carlton and nephew Jim Carlton. (photo by Maureen Brady)



# A journey that we'll always remember

By RICK COOKE

It was a long train ride from Boston to Wilmington - much longer than I ever remember it being back in 1977. That was just about the last time that I could ever call myself a regular rider on this train. I was about to graduate from Suffolk University, and by that time I was already understanding that Frank Kelley was different from any other coach that I'd come across as I began my 21-year journey as sports editor at the Wilmington Town Crier. I was "that kid from Tewksbury" and many people from Wilmington would never let me forget it. Mr. Kelley would joke about the rivalry, and I would learn much later how ironic it was that someone from Tewksbury would become this Wilmington coaching legend's biographer.

I stepped off that train and into the cold, biting air of a sun-splashed Wilmington morning. The first thing that caught my eye was Joe Ryan's Barbershop. It was like I had stepped back into another era. The one-chair

times or when called upon. Mr. Kelley was different. He didn't like making appointments for anything and that included when it was time to see his primary care physician.

"You don't make appointments with barbers, they are always there," Mr. Kelley would tell Hastings. Of course Joe Ryan wasn't in his shop when Kelley arrived, so he waited...and waited. Heidi and Mr. Kelley decided to make the best of it and have lunch, and she explained that he would need an appointment next week. For Hastings, it was a chance to see her old coach one last time.

In 1978, Heidi's dad introduced her to Kelley, telling the WHS coach that his daughter wanted to run track on the boys' team. "He didn't say anything," remembers Hastings. "He just had this way of turning his head and looking back at you very sternly. He just told me that if I could put in the same amount of work at practice as the boys, then I could run with the team." The former WHS sprinter

would be something of a jack-of-all track trades at WHS, competing in the relays, 880, hurdles, shot put and the triple jump. Lake-Gagliardi made a jump of 36 feet as "a little kid" and after graduating from Wilmington High School she ran track at the University of Lowell, where she would go to be an intramural champion in her senior year.

"He was a big part of my life, always inspiring and encouraging. I could hear his voice from anywhere. Whatever he said, I just did. He touched us all so deeply."

Steve Bjork graduated from Wilmington High School in 1986, and when he heard that Kelley had died, Bjork shared just what I was thinking as I stepped off that Boston train. "Mr. Kelley was an inspiration to thousands and thousands of student-athletes. His life was a triumph of perseverance over adversity. He loved and appreciated life as much, if not more, than anyone I've ever met. He was a gift to the Town of Wilmington. I'm lucky to have the honor of calling him a friend."



Rene Ferrara Locke-Gagliardi and Bud and Dot Callahan attended the funeral service for Frank Kelley and the gathering at the K of C on Friday. Rene ran track for WHS and was coached by Mr. Kelley. (photo by Maureen Brady)

## Team Kelley was made up of many dedicated friends and helpers

By RICK COOKE

It was said by more than one person that Frank Kelley lived a lonely life. He had no television and no computer to pass the time of day in the way that many people living alone do today. Mr. Kelley was stubborn in his refusal to use a lifeline device like many older people when they find themselves in failing health and living alone. There was no cell phone - maybe one only if you count the phone that remained boxed in the backseat of Mr. Kelley's car. He loved listening to a loud radio that he would promptly turn down whenever he got a phone call. There was a land-line phone and an interesting message on the answering machine that told the caller "don't wait for the beep." Mr. Kelley loved receiving those calls and greeting visitors. Many of those calls and visits kept Mr. Kelley going when the going got tougher.

The faded blue 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis sat on the grass to the side of Mr. Kelley's home, rotting in the sun and freezing solid in the winter. When Mr. Kelley could no longer drive, of course he disagreed with the police report that left him with no choice but to take a driving test with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. He didn't pass that test, and didn't like the way the testing officer wore his hat. "He had his hat on backwards," he would say every time he told the story. "I don't like anyone who wears their hat backwards. You can't tell if they are coming or going."

Until the day that he died, Mr. Kelley kept the rejection letter from the registry taped to his kitchen wall along with the registration to the faded Mercury. He would tell his students never to give up and he was not giving up his license without a fight. His summer place on Cape Cod would stay vacant if the owner couldn't drive himself to get to it. Mr. Kelley also was not thrilled by the fact that many of his former students volunteered to drive him to his various appointments after he lost that license. He thought he had become a nuisance and was disrupting their days. On this matter, he was wrong. The unofficial but steadfast "Team Kelley" was born and still shifting gears to help their teacher and coach right up until the

moment that he died.

Neighbors Bob Beals and Joanne Drew were the closest in proximity, with Beals helping to spruce up Mr. Kelley's house and Drew driving him to church and Market Basket. Terri Johnston and Dixon Knight from Wilmington High School's Class of 1961 drove Kelley to doctors' appointments and gladly arranged dinners. "Team Kelley" was nothing if not versatile and ready to juggle their various schedules to help their former teacher - sometimes whether he liked it or not. The "team" included Heidi (Wiberg) Hastings (haircuts), Kathy Bell (tour of the new high school), Rick Barry, Paul Lee, Jack Cushing and Jack Bowen. When it was feared that Kelley, who was struggling with leg difficulties, might stumble and fall at home, a front railing was replaced and a new comfy leather recliner purchased - but only when it went on sale. His basement was turned into a beautiful space where he could proudly display his many awards and track honors from all over Massachusetts.

Mr. Kelley never really thought about leaving coaching for good until a bad winter coupled with his leg problems forced him to stop a year ago. Wilmington High School track coach Mike Kinney became another valuable member of "Team Kelley", picking the coach up and providing door-to-door service to meets and practice. Mr. Kelley had called Kinney early in December and let him know that if his leg improved he would back helping to coach the team and telling his many "stories" that had become part of Wilmington's track and field history.

Wilmington Director of Elder Services Terry Marciello arranged for meals to be delivered to Mr. Kelley, and it was the driver of that program and neighbors who teamed up to call 911 when Mr. Kelley didn't come to the door on the day that he died. It was ironic that on that Friday the meal was lasagna with ricotta cheese, an offering that Mr. Kelley hated and promptly threw away. He would complain to a friend, "Is there anything you can do about that cheese?" Of course the friend got on the phone and called Marciello to ask for

an alternate meal. Any request was important when it came from Mr. Kelley. When Mr. Kelley was told that the meal would be the same, he relented for a moment, but let this "team" member know in no uncertain terms that the dish would still be sent straight to the trash each and every Friday.

His former students loved helping Mr. Kelley. He taught them well. "The second 'e' in Kelley stood for excellence, and he always taught us to finish strong," remembers Bell, who also taught math at the high school with Kelley.

"That was his mission in life, to give back to other people," said Barry. Kelley certainly gave back in a big way over the course of his 87 years. For close to 60 of those years, Kelley coached over 150 teams in cross country, winter and spring track at Wilmington, Weston and Reading High Schools. But his real "home" team was and always will be Wilmington. It was fitting that when he died he was planning on coaching again in Wilmington and was laid to rest in his Wilmington High School track wind-breaker.

His students had learned about his childhood in the Peabody Home for Crippled Children and admired him even more for his tenacity and tenderness in the face of adversity. "Team Kelley" learned many a lesson from the best in the business of motivating people.

"For someone who had such a hard life, he turned his life into something wonderful," remembers Hastings. There was even a lesson passed on to Hastings' son Jackson, who after dedicating his race to Mr. Kelley helped the North Reading shuttle race team set State and school records in last week's State Track Meet. Hastings said that her son got to meet Mr. Kelley only twice, but that her former coach always encouraged Jackson to be the very best that he could be on any particular day. It was another of Kelley's well-learned lessons. He was still teaching, hoping that "Team Kelley" would be passed on through generations of students. Mr. Kelley wouldn't have it any other way. Just ask "Team Kelley."



Rick Cooke, the former sports editor of the Town Crier, friend and Author of "Our Mr. Kelley" shared his memories of Mr. Kelley during the candlelight vigil in his honor of Monday evening. (photo by Maureen Brady)

shop was where Mr. Kelley would get his final haircut. I was on my way to the great man's wake.

The funeral would be the next day from Saint Dorothy's Parish, with burial in the family plot in Waltham Saturday morning. A candlelight vigil was scheduled for the Town Common Monday night. It would be a long weekend for me, with plenty of time for more deep thought and soul-searching before jetting back to Fort Lauderdale Tuesday.

I remember back in college I would usually read or catch up on some sleep while riding this train. Thursday morning I could do neither. I sat and looked out the window, thinking of how best to give Mr. Kelley one final honor. I decided to start up a conversation, and what I heard was that I was not alone in remembering the funny and sometimes quirky side to this great man.

Heidi (Wiberg) Hastings, one of the first girls to ever run track for Mr. Kelley, took the coach for that last haircut, and as was always the case, he neglected to make an appointment with the veteran barber, who these days only comes to his shop some-

times or when called upon. Mr. Kelley was different. He didn't like making appointments for anything and that included when it was time to see his primary care physician.

Rene (Ferrara) Lake-Gagliardi was there for Mr. Kelley Friday morning, making the 90 minute drive from her home in Royalston, Massachusetts.

Lake-Gagliardi ran four years of winter and spring track for Mr. Kelley at Wilmington High School. She was a member of the 1974 State Championship Team, and remembers that Mr. Kelley had absolutely no reservations about girls running with the boys-as long as they could do the work to get to that personal best.

Eventually there would be a girls' track team at the high school, and Hastings and Lake-Gagliardi helped to make that team a reality with Kelley's not-so-subtle insistence.

"I loved to run and jump, and he had me trying all kinds of things," said Lake-Gagliardi after Friday morning's funeral. She

I would get back on that train heading to Boston much later that day. Still in deep thought, I called a friend who never met Mr. Kelley. That friend somehow knew exactly how much the man meant to me. Mr. Kelley sat in the first row at my wedding and was blessed at the ceremony by my pastor. We walked the Korean Memorial in Charlestown together. We laughed together and were sad together when my mother passed away. Larry Day became my friend in Boston many years ago when I was preparing to die. I thought that my life was over. Then I met Larry, and now he helped me to get through another tough day as I said goodbye to Mr. Kelley.

"He sounds like someone that I wish I knew. But it feels like I do know him. His personality is very reminiscent of my dad and the other 'salt of the earth' folks from the Greatest Generation. You were blessed to have him your life my brother." I was indeed blessed to have Mr. Kelley in my life. I am not alone.

(Comments regarding this column can be sent to rcooke1717@yahoo.com).



Rick Barry said a few words honoring Mr. Frank Kelley at the candlelight vigil on the common on Monday night. Temperature was so cold and the wind was so strong that they couldn't keep the candles lit and used cell phones and flashlights instead. (photo by Maureen Brady)



The WHS Band did a wonderful job as usual as they performed after the funeral services had ended. (photo by Maureen Brady)



From the Sports Editor's Desk

# The Town should honor Mr. Kelley several different ways

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Before I get into my dedication and appreciation for Mr. Frank Kelley, I'd like to throw out a few suggestions here to the town of Wilmington in honor and for respect of the man who meant so much to each and everyone of us who knew him.

Back in 2011, the town of Wilmington did the wonderful and the appropriate thing by naming the newly paved high school track after the legendary coach. And since the news of his passing, I've seen several WHS Classes start up 'gofundme' pages to raise money for the Frank Kelley Scholarship Fund which is terrific.

I think the town of Wilmington needs to do a lot more to honor Mr. Kelley. My suggestions would be the following:

1) Have a Frank Kelley Day here in town. Every year this event would be held in his honor. There can be various events on the day, fundraisers, possible road races with all proceeds going to the Frank Kelley Scholarship Fund and perhaps several new charitable organizations.

2) There should be a street named after him - my suggestion would be right at the high school at the new parking lot. It could be called: "Frank Kelley Way."

3) There's already "the Frank Kelley Cross-Country Invitational" which is a Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Meet, but I would suggest that the new WHS Athletic Director with the help of the current track coaches and other town residents and officials, can organize a yearly "Frank Kelley Outdoor Track Invitational" at the Kelley Track. You can invite

16-20 teams from across the state. The meet would be held for both boys and girls, with a special invitation to Reading and Weston the teams Kelley also coached besides Wilmington. Once again all proceeds would go to various charitable organizations in Kelley's honor.

4) Lastly, I think the town should honor Mr. Kelley with a sculpture, to be placed either in the high school somewhere or outside of the track near his plaque (the town can use all of the money it saved through decades of not giving its teachers and coaches proper salaries).

Residents will always remember Mr. Kelley but this would be a good way for the town to honor him and everything he did for thousands and thousands of its own people.

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I never had Mr. Kelley as a teacher or as a coach. I did attend WHS but certainly wasn't in the elite calculus classes and never tried out for cross-country or track and that's always been a regret of mine as I think I could have been a half decent sprinter back in the day of being 150 pounds.

Anyway, my father Tom and brother Tommy both had Mr. Kelley in class. They both always told the stories of Mr. Kelley and I always knew about the legendary Mr. Kelley until I actually caught up with him officially when my freshman year at WHS started in the fall of 1989.

I had played a few weeks of freshmen football and decided it was not for me. Mr. Kelley got word of that and approached me in the hall. He urged me to join the cross country team and told me that he thought I'd be pretty good and that I had talent. I remember that

evening telling my mother and several of my aunts the story of how Mr. Kelley wanted me, yes me to join the cross-country team. I felt like David Price being wooed by so many teams.

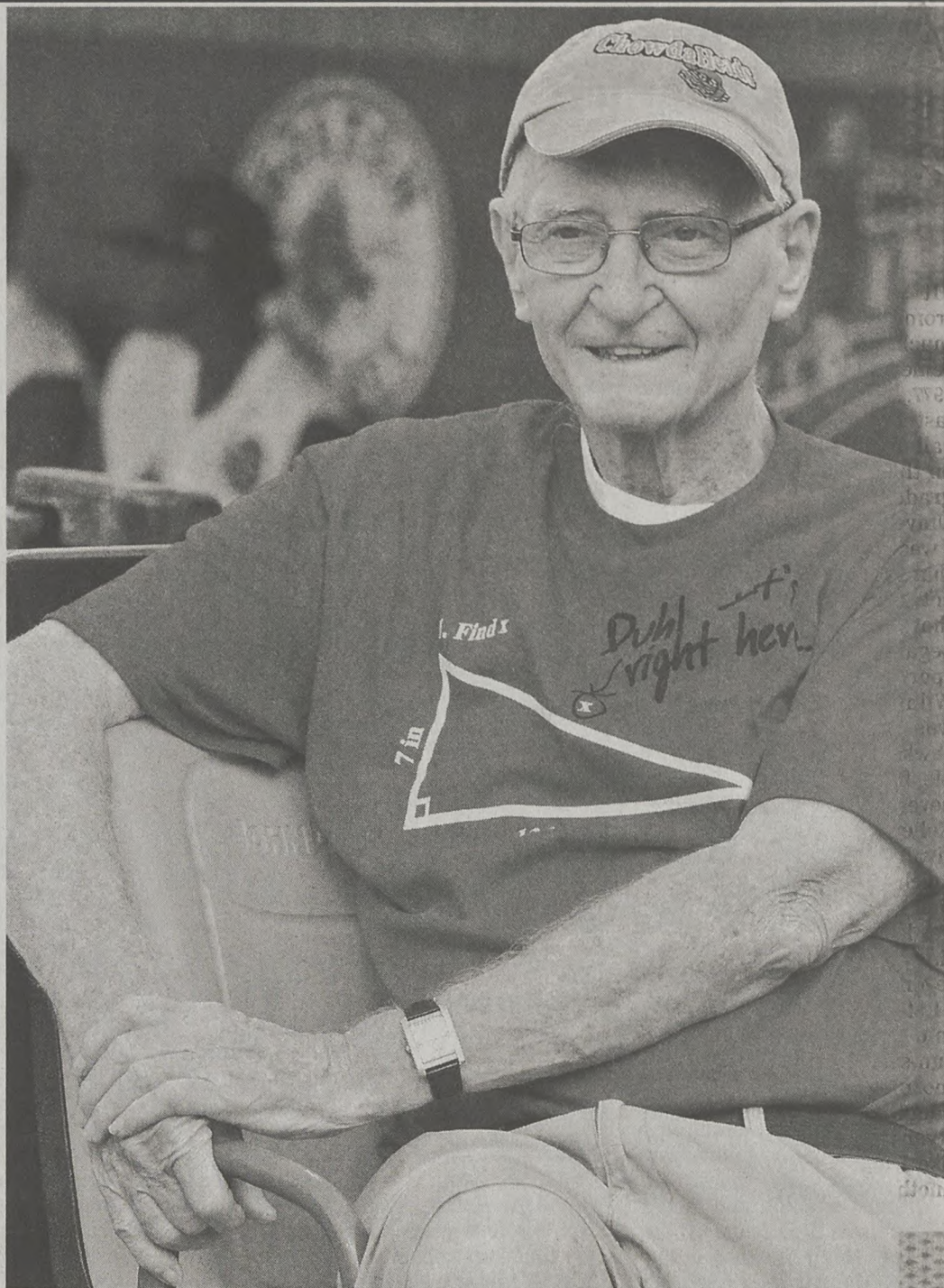
"Oh he asks everyone to join the team," one of my aunts said, with that image of that conversation still clearly stuck in my head. "He'll ask you everyday to join and will pester you and pester you to join. He asked all of us to join back when we were in high school."

I remember being devastated after that. I thought all along that Mr. Kelley sought me out and actually thought I had talent. So I never tried out. Instead, I never played a fall sport. Still to do this day, I wish I had ran track - not cross-country - but I wish I did track.

After that conversation with Mr. Kelley I did realize that my aunts were right. He did ask everyone to join. But those kids who did join up had the times of their lives. I heard it all of the time in our chemistry class while tried to listen to some new item our teacher seemed to pull out of thin air that had nothing to do with science.

I'd hear story after story from my classmates and friends, about their own experiences, their experiences with Mr. Kelley and the times they had in meets and practices.

Like I said earlier, I never had Mr. Kelley in class. I wasn't fortunate enough to get an eraser thrown in my direction or to be called a 'chowdhead'. Actually he would always call me by name, whether it was 'Potie' or more often than not he would call me 'Tommy' before correcting himself and saying 'oh sorry I meant Jamie'. He did call me my brother's name even the last time I saw him. But I never had a problem with it - it



Mr. Kelley, shown here being honored at last year's Lowell Spinners Baseball game, certainly will be remembered by all of us, including Sports Editor Jamie Pote. (file photo)

always made me laugh.

Over the last 22 years while employed here at the paper, Mr. Kelley and I would chat all of the time at meets, at the high school, at CVS store when I still lived in town and I'll never forget the conversations I had with him mostly at Rick Cooke's wedding and of course the night at Rocco's with the book signing. That night was very special to me. It was a night to celebrate the life of Mr. Kelley, who I always honored and respected and it

was a night of celebration for the book's author, Rick Cooke. The same Cookie who gave me a chance here at the paper as a skinny 18-year-old intern, and the man, and very close friend, who I owe my career to (but I'll admit I'm still only half way through it).

I always had a lot of fun with Mr. Kelley. Every conversation I had with him was enjoyable. I can't remember a single time where he was in a bad mood. I would hear him yell and

get mad, but only to see him smile a few seconds later. His smile was one of a kind. And as you all know he was truly one-of-a-kind. He was so gracious, so supportive and so genuine. I certainly learned so much from Mr. Kelley and will certainly miss him dearly.

We all will.

Rest in Peace my dear friend. Hope to hear another story from you when my life's journey - when my finish line approaches.

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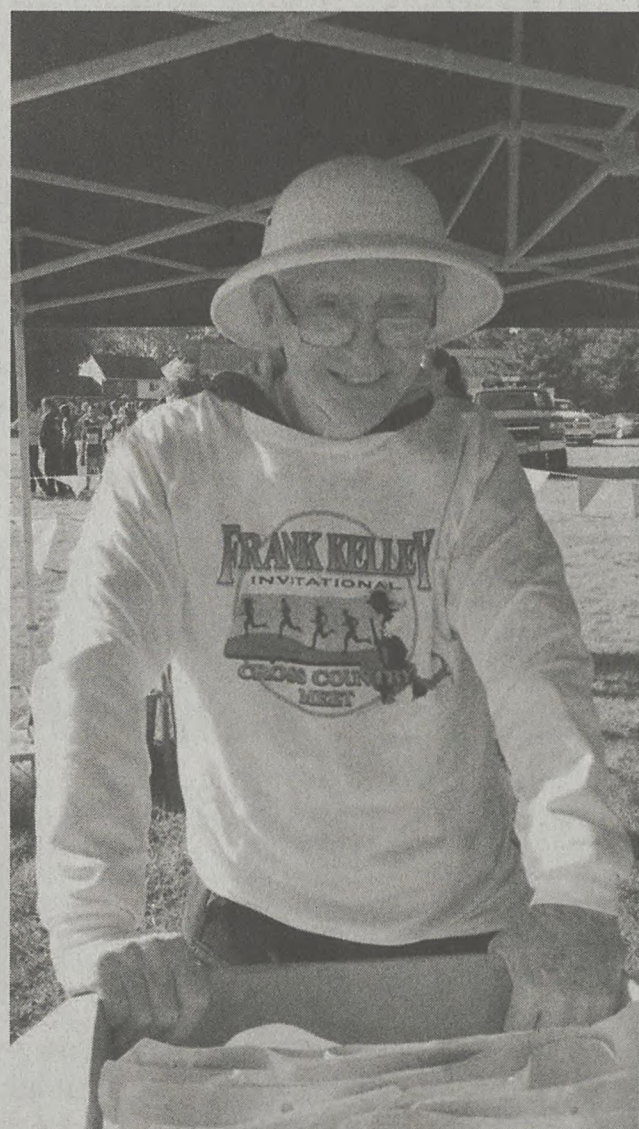
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## Many former athletes and fellow coaches tell their own Mr. Kelley stories

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WILMINGTON - Since the news first broke that legendary person, teacher and coach Frank Kelley passed away nearly two weeks ago, the Town Crier has been flooded with messages, whether through email or our Town Crier Facebook page. Here are just some of the messages that we received:

From Mark Warren, Class of 1978

"Several years ago, when Rick Cooke asked me for anecdotes about Mr. Kelley for the biography he was writing, I forgot to share the story about how the high school track got condemned in early 1978.

Chris Tannian, Ken Warren and I were known for our pointed practical joking in high school. The cinder track was on its last legs in those years. Every other school we competed against had a track of rub-cor or some other artificial surface. One Friday night the three of us found an abandoned and large 'FOR SALE' sign in a commercial lot in a nearby community. Under the cover of darkness, we took it back to Wilmington High and bolted it to the infield fence on the track. When Mr. Kelley saw it on Monday, he called his good friend Walter Pierce. Mr. Pierce was then the Superintendent of Schools and shared Mr. Kelley's desire to get a new track. One of the two contacted the Town Crier and Larz Neilsen met Mr. Pierce at the track to have picture taken of the sign. As Mr. Pierce crossed the track to look at how the sign was attached to the fence he twisted and broke his ankle on a brick that had percolated up from the rubble that was under the cinder track. He immediately condemned the track and we had to run all our meets away for that season.

When Mr. Pierce returned to work a few days later, Mr. Kelley thought it would be a good idea to play a practical joke of his own. He had a nearly accurate idea of who might have attached the 'FOR SALE' sign to the track. When I was sitting in Mr. Kelley's seventh period Algebra II class, Chris Tannian, Joe Emond and I got called to the office over the loudspeaker - the Superintendent's office (Jay

had nothing to do with the prank and Mr. Kelley missed my brother.) Not knowing what to expect, the three of us met in front of the Roman House and timidly went in to meet with one of the most important public officials in our young lives. Mr. Pierce could not stifle a laugh for long. He quickly admitted that he could not pull off acting angry, but he wanted our help in turning the joke back on Mr. Kelley. The three of us left his office with our heads held low. I went back into the math class to collect my books. Naturally, Mr. Kelley asked what happened and I quickly explained that we mouthed off at the Superintendent and each immediately got a week of suspension. Mr. Kelley just laughed and told me to sit down.

"At Town Meeting, later that Spring, Town voters decided to fund a new track. That track was eventually named for Mr. Kelley. I don't think anyone ever missed that cinder track, but Mr. Kelley will be missed by those who used it or the track that replaced it as well as the many who sat in his math classes."

From Kate Cowden, Class of 2014:

"I had Mr. Kelley as a track coach for four years and he truly made an impact on my life both in my track career and in my personal life. He made my day every day at practice with his jokes and infamous stories. I loved the days I got to drive him to and from practice and time I got to spend with him just because I loved hearing all of his stories, his experiences and jokes. He never failed to put a smile on my face. Mr. Kelley gave me great guidance throughout my track career and on a personal level as well. He inspired me in every way.

"I was honored enough to receive the Frank Kelley Adversity Award in 2014 and while at the ceremony I had countless people approach me and tell me how lucky I was to have Mr. Kelley as my coach and my only response was, 'I know, he's the best!' To see so many people awe over him and to know I was the lucky one that gets to call him Coach and to have him as such an important part of my life was such a memorable moment in my life. I am forever grateful to have known Mr. Kelley the way I have.

"He taught me many life lessons along the way of our journey on and off the track. This man motivated me, stood by me, supported me, taught me and so much more through being my coach. I couldn't have asked for a better person to inspire me to do the sport I love. He made me laugh every single day and his infamous stories and jokes were the highlight of my day. I happily answered to the name 'chowdahead' every time I saw him and loved the smile it brought to his face because it always made me laugh. I am so grateful to have known you Mr. Kelley, thank you for all you've done for me and for being apart of my life, you will be truly missed by everyone."

While Cowden was one of the many recipients of the Kelley Award, so was Merrielle Emery, a student from Sutton High School.

"My daughter Merrielle, as a high school senior at Sutton high school, was awarded the Frank Kelley Adversity Award in 2010," explained Merrielle's mother, Christine, a WHS graduate of 1975. "She was a record breaking high jumper being visually impaired. When we got to the banquet we had a big surprise and discovered it was the Frank Kelly Adversity Award. I cried of course when he presented it to her. Mr. Kelley was my high school coach when I broke a high jump record. He reminded me of being a good shot put thrower which I'd forgotten even doing. He was my Calculus teacher too. God Bless you Mr Kelly we all loved you."

From Jimmie and Mary Quandt Rexford, who currently live in Florida: "We are very sorry to here of Mr. Kelley's passing. We met with him many times at Rocco's. He was a great fellow. Personally, I only had him for about two weeks into algebra, but because of sports, he knew both Jimmie and I on sight. What a mind and personality."

From Dan Vassallo, the former WHS and Colby College standout runner: Mr. Kelley's favorite story about me: When I was a senior in high school, I was lamenting in Ms. Peters's calculus class about how I hated calculus. I sat in the corner of the room closest to the door, and I didn't know that he was walking down the hall.



Two years ago, Wilmington resident Kate Cowden was a top thrower for the spring track team at WHS. Over her career, she got plenty of guidance from her friend, Mr. Kelley. (courtesy photo).



The "WHS Remembers Mr. Kelley" Banner was the idea of Principal Linda Peters. The Sons of Italy and the WHS Athletic Alumni Association came forward and requested to pay for the banner. A special THANKS to both organizations for their continued support. Once the banner is removed from the tennis court fence it will be placed at the track between the shot put and discus area. (photo by Bruce Hillard).

The second I said it, he poked his head into the classroom door with a look of disgust on his face. He put the fear of God into me.

"My favorite story about him: I was a sophomore in college and was battling multiple shin injuries when I saw him at a Wilmington function. He asked me how track was going and I told him about my injury. He recommended an exercise that would relieve the root cause of the injury, and said I should do it for as long as I wanted to run competitively. Fifty thousand miles and a few athletic accomplishments later, I still do the exercise every day. I still hate calculus, too."

From Phil Maia, longtime coach at Lowell High and Tewksbury resident, who is also enshrined in the Mass State Coaches Hall of Fame along with Mr. Kelley: "I was

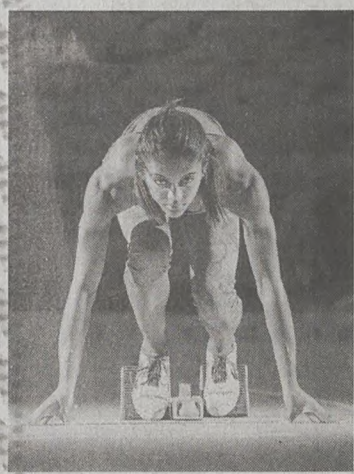
heartbroken when I heard the news. Mr. Kelley coached for six plus years. I knew him for 32 (coaching) and I remember him when I ran in high school. Simply put, he was the type of coach you would want your own kid to have. He always found the positive side in everything. He was patient, and he was as enthusiastic with the last finisher in a race as he was with the winner. I took many a page from his book. I'll miss him and I know I will always be a better coach because of him."

Finally from WHS Athletic Director Ed Harrison: "Mr. Frank Kelley was my high school Algebra II teacher in 1967. He was strict and tough when it came to match but when you talk about the man, he was the kindest, most genuine person I have ever had the pleasure to teach and coach with. He

was a great coach but was a better teacher. He had an uncanny ability to get the most out of his students and his athletes. He made you want to do better. As a student, I felt like I was letting him down if I didn't do my best all of the time.

"He had been a fixture the last few years at spring track practices and meets. He loved the throwing events. He would station himself by the discus area where he would watch both the shout put and discus. He would offer advice to both the boys and the girls on technique or would just make a comment to make them feel better and not get discouraged. He had a knack of bringing a smile to everyone's face. Mr. Kelley was definitely one of a kind. He is already missed."

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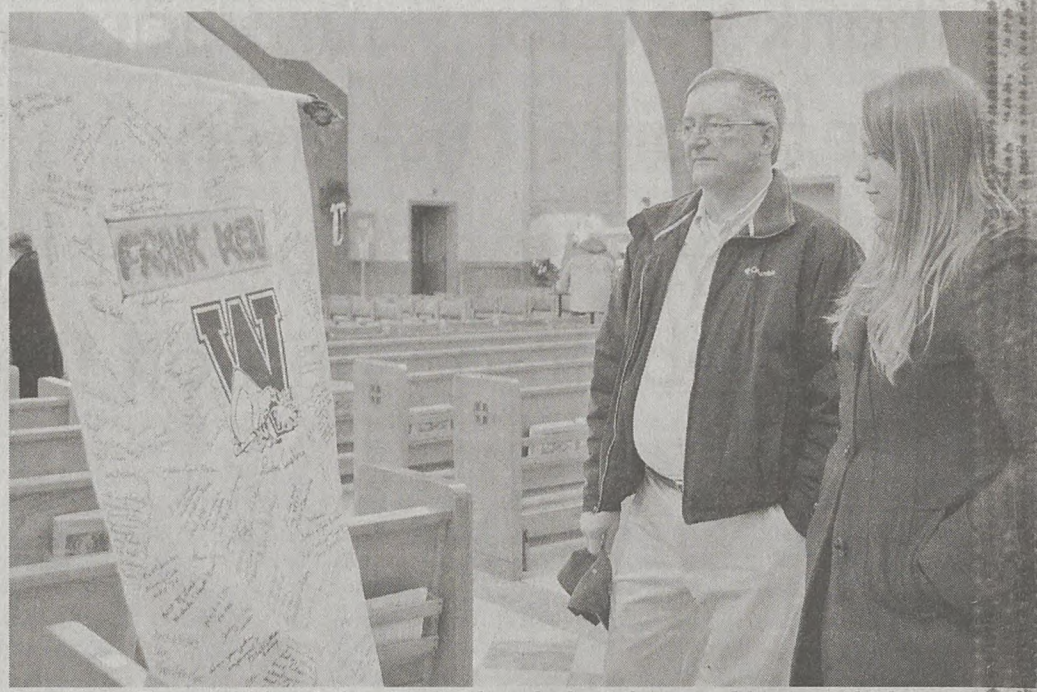


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Cassandra Tower and her father Steve take a look at the signed banner which appeared at the St. Dorothy's Church during the services held on Friday. (photo by Maureen Brady).



Back on August 19th, Frank Kelley's 87th birthday was celebrated at Rocco's with some of his friends and students from the WHS days including from left, Dixon Knight with Mr. Frank "Birthday Boy" Kelly and friends Terri Johnston and Kathy Bell. (file photo).



# Bomb threats lockdown local high schools

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Tewksbury Memorial High School and the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School were among two-dozen schools across Massachusetts that received bomb threats on Tuesday, precipitating lock-downs, K9 searches, and even evacuations in some communities.

Wednesday morning another round of bomb-threats went to multiple communities, causing school officials to lock-down all Tewksbury schools until it was determined the threat was not credible. Police officers remained at schools for the balance of the day, even after the lock-down was cancelled by 11:30 AM.

According to Massachusetts State Police, a computerized series of threatening phone calls were received Tuesday in Groton, Weymouth, Taunton, Arlington, Plymouth, Waltham, Ayer, Newton, Swampscott, Boston, Kingston and Westford (Nashoba Valley Tech). The specific language of the automated threats was not released.

Around 10:45am Tuesday morning, Tewksbury Memorial High School received an automated phone call indicating a bomb threat. It was quickly apparent that there was a series of threats made within the Commonwealth and the high school went into lockdown, said Tewksbury Superintendent Dr. John O'Connor. "Police monitored very carefully what was going on in other communities."

Emergency protocol was followed, with Tewksbury fire, police, district security team members, state police, and K9 search dogs conducting a thorough search of the building.

Officials determined the threat was not credible and messaging to parents went out around 11:30am. By noon the lockdown was lifted, however police presence remained at the school.

Some remarked on the timing of communication and whether the school should have been evacuated.

"When you go into lockdown you can't immediately explain why," O'Connor said. "It's not just a 'run out the door' decision. We rely on police and fire to ascertain that level of threat."

From bomb scares to gas leaks and bus accidents, practice drills for these episodes are held on a regular basis, O'Connor added. "We're as prepared as anyone can be for situations like this. We are constantly talking about how to maintain the safety of our kids and staff. It is our primary concern."

Earlier in the day, Billerica Memorial High School received calls regarding bomb threats throughout the district.

Some time between 7am and 8am, Principal Robert Kanellas received an automated phone threat at the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School. He immediately notified police and activated the district crisis plan.

Billerica police, fire departments and the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) conducted threat assessments. No credible evidence was found at the Tech to constitute a threat, Superintendent-Director Tim Broadrick told the Crier.

"I know it's stressful for the public, students, parents and employees," said Broadrick, "But I can tell you first-hand, the people working to protect us do an outstanding job."

Communication to staff and parents went out between



Tewksbury Memorial High School Wednesday morning received a second bomb threat, this one by email, following Tuesday's bomb threat. Both threats were issued to multiple communities across the Commonwealth. Police cruisers maintained a presence at all schools for the duration of Wednesday as a precaution.

Photo by Maureen Brady.

10:30am and 11am. The school's Twitter page confirmed there was no evacuation or lockdown: "We have found no reason to interrupt the day for teachers & students."

Police remained on campus throughout the day, otherwise it was business as usual. "Students were in academic, vocational and technical programs and that's where they remained," said Broadrick.

Billerica Deputy Chief Roy Frost told the Crier the district received three calls - one at the Tech and two at Billerica High School. He could not go into specifics about threat assess-

ments and protocols, but said steps were taken to ensure the threats were fully investigated.

"We are working our own investigation with the knowledge and coordination of other departments in Massachusetts that also received a similar threat today," he said.

Frost also confirmed there were no midterms at the high school or the Tech. "Nothing special was going on in Billerica today," he said. "It was just another school day. This was considered a low level threat and we handled it as such."

State police confirmed nothing

hazardous was found at any of the schools that received threats. Together with the Commonwealth Fusion Center they are assisting the FBI in an ongoing investigation.

State Police and the Fire Marshal's Office remind that the crime of making a bomb threat carries a significant punishment. Massachusetts General Law C. 269 S. 14 (c) calls for a punishment of imprisonment in the House of Correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or imprisonment in the State Prison for not more than 20 years, or a fine of not more than \$50,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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# OSRAM has bright future in Wilmington

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orative culture, which will help us operate with speed, deliver innovative products that customers love, and generate future growth," said OSRAM LAMPS CEO Jes Munk Hansen. "All of that will help us achieve our ultimate measure of success: maintaining and expanding our industry leadership in an increasingly competitive and rapidly changing environment."

The evolution of lighting over recent years from light bulbs to lighting solutions requires the need to adapt quickly as change is a constant, particularly in technology.

The company's portfolio covers the entire value chain of components, ranging from lamps, control units and optical semiconductor using LED technology (light-emitting diodes), light management systems and lighting solutions.

At the most recent Innovation Conference held at the Westin at Copley Place in Boston, 27 technology exhibits were on display across all of OSRAM's key business units: specialty lighting, opto semiconductors, lighting solutions and systems, digital solutions, and corporate innovation.

The conference served to demonstrate OSRAM's commitment to innovation, research and development. Company leaders gave presentations focused on corporate innovation, smart city concepts, laser headlamps, adaptive driving beam headlamps, and smart lighting, reflecting how OSRAM's innovation process translates to real-life solutions.

The bottom line is light is healing. Light connects us to our environments in a positive way. OSRAM's products follow the gamut of the world's ever changing needs. Hospitals are now utilizing light in a way that promotes health and well-being and to accelerate the healing process for their patients. As schools and offices become more state-of-the-art, lighting is crucial to promote learning and reduce stress.

Market demand in lighting technology is changing in part due to legislative requirements. With the goal of achieving long-term competitiveness in the lighting industry, positive changes like this relocation are necessary to navigate the transforming market successfully.

The new facility showcases OSRAM lighting technology, and is designed to cultivate innovation and collaboration needed for future success. The new space has combined two facilities into one innovative space, opening further opportunities for OSRAM.

The company is strategically positioned within the technology corridor, presenting significant opportunity to maintain and expand its leadership within the rapidly changing lighting industry.

The unique architecture of the building with light rays and innovative office layout reflects the company's state-of-the-art modern culture. In addition, closer proximity to all major highways, access to Boston and to the airport allows contact with a greater talent pool from the technology corridor as well as nearby universities, some with which OSRAM is currently in collaboration.

The programmable 'Super Ray' in the lobby features over 4,000 Traxon 64 PXL RGB Boards installed in the ceiling, and comprised of over 250,000 LEDs.

"As soon as you walk into the building, you know that this is a lighting company. This building shows the future of lighting," said Hansen.

The first and third floors of the building are primarily office spaces however one unique aspect to the building is the integration of product development and testing into traditional office spaces.

Multiple labs are located at the center of the building on the second floor, literally positioning these high-tech areas within the core of the organization.

The bright, clean, open and free-flowing office concept encourages collaboration and teamwork for the just under 500 employees in Wilmington.

Prior to the move, the facility was broken into two buildings in their Danvers location. More parts of the business will now be under one roof creating a more synchronized environment.

The company has also recently been awarded LEED certification, the criteria for which is demonstrated in all areas of the infrastructure including low-emitting materials, ergonomic workspace, and a conscious effort to go digital resulting in 75% waste reduction.

Back in August of 2014, OSRAM SYLVANIA announced the plan to relocate its headquarters from 100 Endicott Street in Danvers, Massachusetts to 200 Ballardvale Street in Wilmington, Massachusetts with an aim to strategically place the company within the technology corridor.

The new location serves as the regional headquarters of OSRAM Americas and will continue to have a strong presence in northern Massachusetts and the New England area. The relocation includes employees from OSRAM's 100 Endicott Street location in Danvers, MA, and their 54 Cherry Hill location in Beverly, MA with integration of the company's 71 Cherry Hill location planned for a later date.

In addition to Wilmington, Danvers and Beverly, OSRAM Automotive Lighting Division is located in Hillsboro, New Hampshire and in Northville, Michigan.



Osram Sylvania's move to Wilmington from 60 years in Danvers was celebrated with a gourmet breakfast, speeches by State and Town officials and Osram dignitaries, a ribbon cutting and this amazing light show above the lobby and main stairway leading to the second floor open office plan. The company maintained the same number of employees for their move and is doing just fine in a smaller more efficiently designed space.

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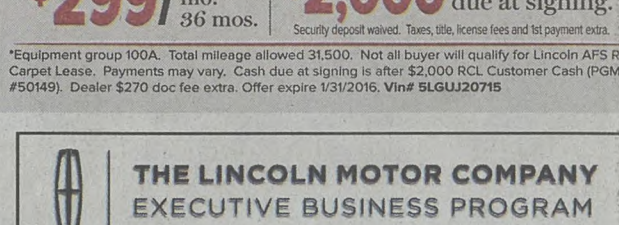
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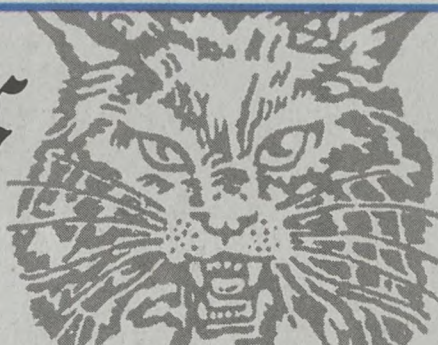
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Inducted into the Mass Youth Soccer Hall of Fame

## Robinson gets the much deserved Call to the Hall

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WILMINGTON- Ray Robinson has been a part of Wilmington Youth Soccer since before youth soccer was even an active concern here in town. Beginning in 1978, Robinson was a foundational member of the Wilmington Youth Soccer program, serving the organization as coach, referee, board member, and president. For all his efforts on behalf of the game and the children who enjoy it, Robinson will be honored with an induction into the Mass Youth Soccer Hall of Fame.

Robinson first became involved in local athletics on behalf of his children, Ray

coaching, and the larger challengers of administration.

"I had two soccer paths," Robinson said. "I was a coach and I was an administrator. I ended up doing all the jobs you needed to do for a local club, and I ended up being president of Wilmington Youth Soccer for three years."

Pick any role involved in athletic administration and chances are Ray Robinson has spent time there. He is to this day a member of the Mass Youth Soccer Board, chair of the TOPSoccer organization, spent two years as Executive Vice President of Mass Youth Soccer, and the another three as President of Mass Youth Soccer, three years as

Bear in mind, Robinson accomplished much of this while maintaining a fulltime job. He spent over thirty years with Polaroid before finishing out his career with a company called Coherence. For 25 years, Robinson was on the frontlines of fiber optic research and development, even sharing credit on six different patents.

Rather than relaxing after retirement in 2009, Robinson has only stepped things up. Not only does he continue to coach teams at the high school, but he has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the development of the TOPSoccer program, which provides children with physical and mental disabilities a chance to play.

"When I was president of Mass Youth, I became aware of the program," Robinson said, crediting Peggy Neason with bringing the program to his attention. "She told me about the program and I immediately became interested in it. It wasn't being paid attention to, for lack of a better word. So I got involved and started trying to bring attention to it."

Robinson spreads that word on a national scale, travelling the country to help town set up TOPS programs that so that all children have a chance to enjoy the game.

Perhaps most remarkable of all is that after decades of toil and struggle and administration, at nearly 70 years of age, Ray Robinson still enjoys the game of soccer. He happily describes getting together with old friends to enjoy the game that he has helped thousands of children to experience.

"A lot of these guys I've known for over 25 years," Robinson said. "These games are all about getting together with these guys and having a good time."

Robinson will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on January 25, but the work will not stop there. He still has teams to coach, still has programs to build and word to spread. The whim of a group of parents almost four decades ago set him on a path, and he will continue to follow it where it leads.

"What I love the most about the soccer program in this town is it gives kids a good place to play," Robinson said. "The other part of it is that the training, coaching training and refereeing training are excellent. There is always a clear path upwards. All you have to do is follow the path."



and Julie. At the time, soccer was run by the local recreation department and was strictly an in-town program. Through the efforts of a group of parents, it became the organization that still serves hundreds of children to this day.

"We started out as a just a little group," Robinson said. "The recreation department was running the soccer program in the town at the time. We decided as parents it might be good to start our own soccer program. So we did, and that became the Wilmington Youth Soccer program."

"He was one of the original board members," said newly elected Wilmington Youth Soccer President Eric Flynn. "He actually worked on, I mean physically worked on, the original Field House at the Shawsheen. I've seen pictures of him up on scaffolding. He helped start the program, literally, with his hands."

Almost from the beginning, Robinson had a foot in both the day-to-day demands of

President of Middlesex Youth Soccer, four years as a council member of the United States Soccer Federation, directed and advised on multiple programs, and served as coach on countless teams including the Wilmington High School freshmen soccer coach.

No matter what office he was occupying or what position he was fulfilling, Robinson always followed the same principle.

"It's all about the kids and the soccer players," Robinson said. "That's always been my focus: 'What is in their best interest?'"

Flynn, who grew up in Wilmington, was one of the kids who played with the program in the early years. Now the president of the organization that Robinson helped to found, Flynn remembers Robinson as a fixture of the soccer field.

"I still see him at the field all the time," Flynn said. "He'll come up after practice with his high school team and ask about the program."



The Wilmington Youth Wrestling program had a terrific showing at the Chelmsford Youth Tournament on Sunday. The following wrestlers brought home medals: Julien Cella 3rd, 70-75lbs; Leonardo DiStefano 1st, 65-70 lbs; Blaine Evans 2nd, 50-55 lbs; Joe Ganley 2nd, 90-95 lbs; Tiago Gomez 1st, 60-65 lbs; Aaron Kreiter 3rd, 70-75 lbs; Jack Martins 1st, 63-68 lbs; Shane O'Neill 3rd, 40-45 lbs; Shane Penney 2nd, 95-80 lbs; Stephen Smolinsky 3rd, 135 - 140 lbs; Nick Vanella 3rd, 85-90 lbs and David Vitale 3rd, 50-55 lbs. The group includes front row from left: Vitale, Evans and O'Neill; Second row: Vanella, Gomez, Martins, Cella, Leonardo, DiStefano and Kreiter; Last row: Penney, Ganley and Smolinsky. (courtesy photo).



Wilmington resident Jen Almeida poses with her trainer Joe McGrath, left, and her boyfriend Dan Costello, right. The two gentlemen served as her trainers during her first career boxing match held this past Friday as part of the annual Golden Gloves competition in Lowell. (courtesy photo).

## Almeida fights her way into the boxing ring

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LOWELL - When you're a mother who works two jobs, finding time to do anything you enjoy is pretty difficult. That's perhaps why what Jen Almeida did on Friday night is all that more impressive.

The 30-year-old Wilmington resident stepped into the boxing ring for her first official match on Friday night as she participated in the 70th annual Golden Gloves Championship series held at the Lowell Auditorium. She was matched up against Stephanie Khan of Brighton in the lone women's fight of the night, coming in the 132-pound Female Lightweight Division. The fight was three rounds, two minutes each and Khan came away with the 5-0 decision victory.

"To be in my first fight and to overcome the packed

crowd at the Auditorium and all of your nerves and anxiety was a pretty unbelievable experience," said Almeida. "You just get out there in the ring and it's all about pushing yourself. It's all for the fun of it. I'm not going to make a career out of this, but I look forward to fighting again."

Almeida, the daughter of former WHS Football Coach Bob Almeida, grew up in Reading before the family moved to Wilmington. She played basketball all four years at Reading before continuing her playing days at Fitchburg State playing the first two years before deciding not to play her final two years. Since then, she's always kept in shape and done athletic things but nothing to this nature.

"My boyfriend (Dan Costello) is an amateur fighter and so for the past year-and-a-half, I've put the

pads on and started training," she said. "It's something I enjoy. He has trained me and then his trainer Joe McGrath has also trained me so I've gotten the best out of both worlds having two wonderful trainers helping me."

Almeida and Costello have been members of the McNally Gym in North Reading, owned by Wilmington resident Jim McNally. Almeida said that finding time to actually train is harder than getting in the ring especially with her jobs as a Program Facilitator at the Billerica House of Correction and as a waitress at Longhorn Restaurant in Reading.

"It's very difficult finding the time, between having two jobs and being a Mom," she said. "I enjoy training and when I do have free time

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# Russo saves the day for the 'Cats

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WILMINGTON - Heading into this season, Wilmington High School Boys Hockey Coach Steve Scanlon knew that he had a line-up filled with unproven players, especially in the net. Now at the halfway mark of the season, there's no way he could have anticipated the play that the team has received from senior netminder Nick Russo.

On Saturday night he turned away 35 shots in the team's 1-0 loss to Burlington, one of the top teams in the state, and two days later he was sensational once again making 37 saves in the team's 4-1 win over Belmont.

Over the course of the week, Wilmington went 2-1, winning two ugly games against Stoneham and Belmont, while playing outstanding in the loss to the Red Devils. The Wildcats are now 7-3-0 on the season and need six points in their last ten games to qualify for the state tournament after missing out on post-season play a year ago.

Russo has been a big reason for the first half success.

"Nick was great in the net (on Monday against Belmont)," said Scanlon. "He also played great the other night against Burlington. He's kind of emerging. He's just seeing the puck really well right now. He's not fighting it and he's letting it come to him. He's taking the puck out of play and that helps us immensely. His rebound control has been really good. He's been doing a lot of good things for us."

Russo was one of the very few bright spots in the win on Monday. Wilmington played a terrible first period, only to play a very mediocre at best second period, before a decent third

period to finally put away the four-win Marauders (4-5-2) club.

"I thought after we played such a strong third period (Saturday night) against Burlington that we would come out firing," said Scanlon. "I think a day's rest without skating hurt us. The first period was terrible, it was a little better in the second and we probably played our best in the third period. We got goals when we had too but I still think that we're not handling the puck well at all. We had a lot of bad decisions and a lot of bad execution today."

"But I thought we played well when we had to. We have to pay more attention to the defensive end especially with the schedule coming up."

Wilmington got on the board first coming in the seventh minute of the game. On a nice breakout out of the Wildcat end, Bobby Lord had the puck down the right wing boards and he fed it to his left where Nate DiMico retrieved the pass and made a nice shift going to his right and putting the puck home for the quick 1-0 lead.

Belmont tied the game up on a nice tip shot from the point with 4:16 left in the period. The score stayed that way until the 'Cats scored the eventual game winner coming with 5:29 left in the second period. Tom Worob started it all with his strong hustle off the bench on a line change which forced a turnover in the Belmont end. Brian Cavanaugh scooped up the loose puck, circled off the right hand dot and fired a low shot through the 5-hole to make it 2-1.

The Wildcats put the game away in the third period, scoring goals with 8:40 left and with 1:25 to go. Eric Steeves scored both goals with Josh Buske getting



Wilmington High forward Josh Buske handles the puck behind the net while a Melrose player tries to catch up during a recently played hockey game played at the Ristuccia Arena. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

assists on both and Cavanaugh adding a helper as well on his first tally.

In the 1-0 loss to Burlington (6-1-2), the 'Cats were outshot 14-1 in the first and then 13-3 in the second before holding the edge in the third at 8-7. The Red Devils scored the lone goal of the game in the first period.

"Burlington came out flying and they are loaded, absolutely loaded," said Scanlon. "They are very deep, very skilled, they have two stud defensemen and when you get to the goalie, he's good. The first period we were out shot 14-1 but Nick hung in there and played great. A lot of their shots were from the perimeter. They had trouble finishing and they have been struggling finishing. The second period was more of the same but we had a few opportunities to score. Nick again played real well and we kept things to the outside."

"Then we outplayed them in the third period and outshot them 8-7. We pulled the goalie and then with 2.6 seconds left, Steeves was in the slot and he rifled a wrist right on the ice and it was going in and their goalie made a great pad save. It

was a real good save especially for a kid who only saw 12 shots throughout the entire game. We almost had it and almost stole a point. Eric did the right thing keeping the puck on the ice and trying to zip it to the far corner."

Last Wednesday, Wilmington topped Stoneham, 3-2, in an ugly but exciting win. The game was tied up at 2-2 late in the game before Ryan Barrett scored on a nice backhand on a great feed from Steeves coming with 1:03 left in the game. Earlier Dan Woods on a breakaway and Buske off a deflection, scored the other goals. Steeves had an earlier assist and Lord also one as well.

On Wednesday, Wilmington faced Arlington (6-1-2) at home with results not known as of presstime. On Saturday, weather permitting, the 'Cats will also host Winchester (8-1-1) for an 8:30 pm start. After that the team will be on the road for its next five games with stops at Reading (4-1-5), Melrose (2-7-2), Wakefield (3-5-2), Watertown (4-7-0) and Stoneham (5-4-2).

## Red Devils offense to powerful for Lady 'Cats

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WILMINGTON - A series of late-game goals were not enough to life the Wilmington High School Girls Hockey team over the visiting Burlington on Saturday night. The Wildcats fell 9-4, bringing their record to 1-9-1. The Wildcats have not won a game since December 23.

Senior goalie Jamie Spinazola bore the brunt of the Burlington game, taking 16 shots in the first period, another 16 shots in the second period, and then another 17 in the third period for a total 49 shots on net over three periods.

"I think the girls played good for two periods," head coach Michael Gautreau said. "And then, that second period, we fell asleep for a little while and they [Burlington] turned it on."

The Wildcats hit back with everything they had, putting the puck on net 33 times over three periods, with their

highest number of shots coming in the first period, when they put the puck on net 13 times.

Wilmington fell into a deficit early on. Burlington notched their first goal after little over a minute of play, finding the back of the Wildcat net with 13:45 minutes left in the first period. Olivia Wingate responded a few minutes later with a top-shelf to tie the game at 1-1, but Burlington scored again only seconds later to once again take the lead.

It was in the second period that Burlington pulled away. The visiting Burlington scored twice in the first two minutes of the game, leaving Wilmington scrambling 4-1 early in the second. The very physical Burlington team picked up three penalties during the period, but successfully killed the power plays with no goals scored against.

Burlington would score three more times in the second period, leaving the

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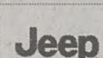
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## Red Devils offense to powerful for Lady 'Cats

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Wildcats in a 7-1 hole heading into the final period of the game.

Once again, Burlington led off with a quick goal, nabbing their eighth point of the game with 12:04 remaining in the third.

The Wildcat offense generated some scoring opportunities but repeatedly found their efforts halted by the Burlington defense and goalie.

Another penalty by Burlington gave the Wildcats their strongest opportunity of the period. With 6:11 left in the game and only a few seconds left in the power play, freshman defenseman Molly Foley ripped a slap shot from the blue line that finally pierced the crease, giving Wilmington their second goal.

Barely over a minute later, sophomore Tia Woodard popped a shot between the goaltender's legs, bringing the score to 8-3.

A pair of penalties against the Wildcats hurt the offensive momentum in the closing minutes of the game and opened the door for Burlington to pick up a ninth goal.

But with one second remaining in the game, Olivia Wingate finally found

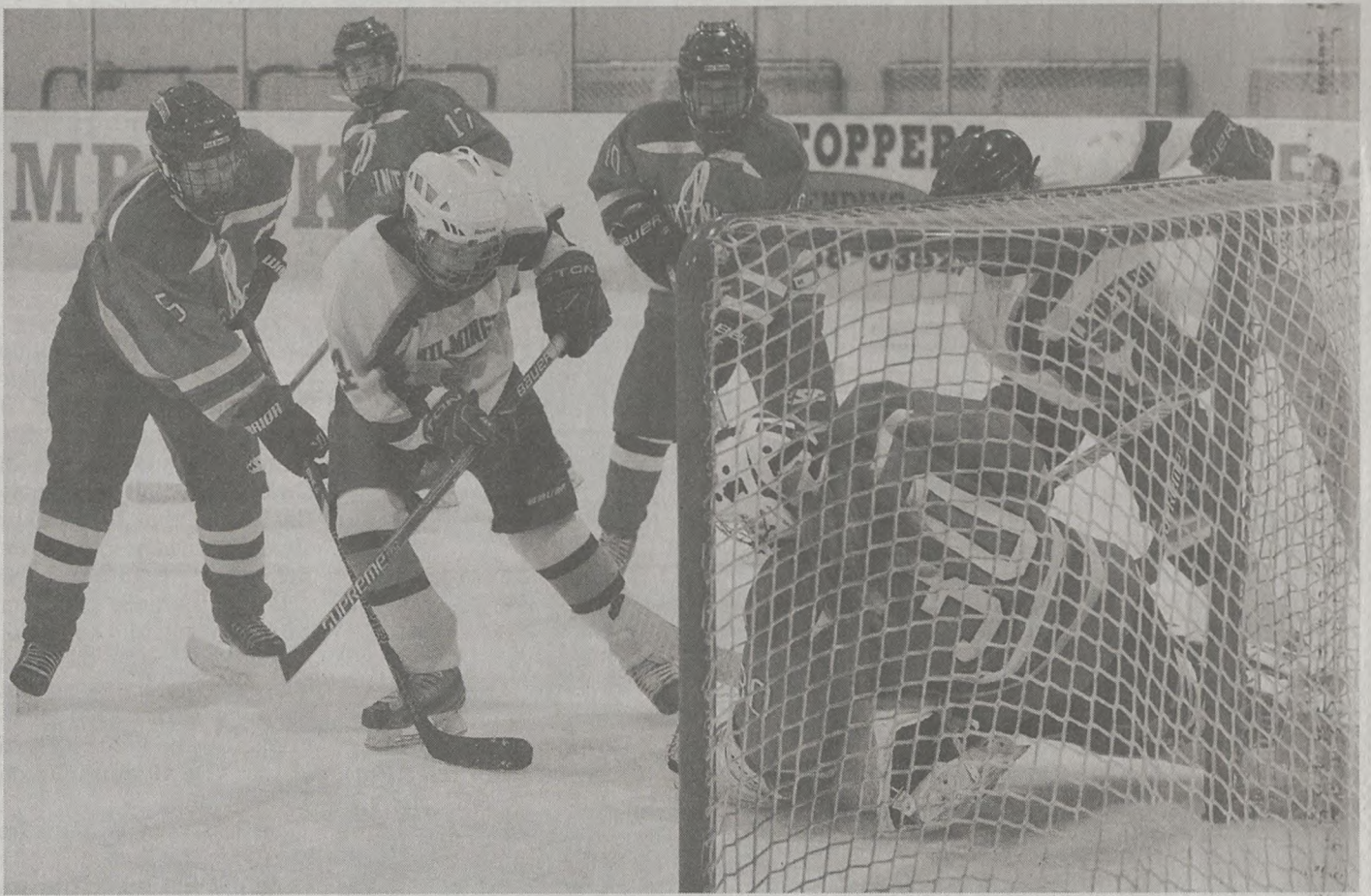
the back of the net and sent the Wildcats out on a high note.

"I definitely give them credit because we haven't quit any game," Gautreau said. "We've had games where we were down four, five goals and these girls haven't quit. That's a good sign for the future, that you aren't quitting."

Gautreau expressed hope that the team would continue to improve as they enter the second half of the season. While the Wildcats have greatly improved in their ability to get the puck on net, they are still frequently being out-shot by other teams.

"We definitely look a lot better offensively," Gautreau said. "Defensive zone coverage, that's one thing we have to work on. That's got to come with time, and we are working with younger girls. We have defense that have never played high school hockey before."

The Wildcats played Arlington on Wednesday, with results not known as of presstime. On Saturday the team will travel to O'Brien Arena in Woburn to play against Winchester. That game is scheduled for 4 pm.



Above, Wilmington's Lauren DeAngelo makes an attempt at a loose puck in front of the net and below Olivia Wingate skates ahead with the puck during Saturday's 9-4 home loss to Burlington in Girls Hockey action. (photos by JoeBrown.photo)



## Annual K of C Free Throw competition set for February 3

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Competition will be held Wednesday, February 3rd at the Wilmington High School Gymnasium. The competition starts at 7pm.

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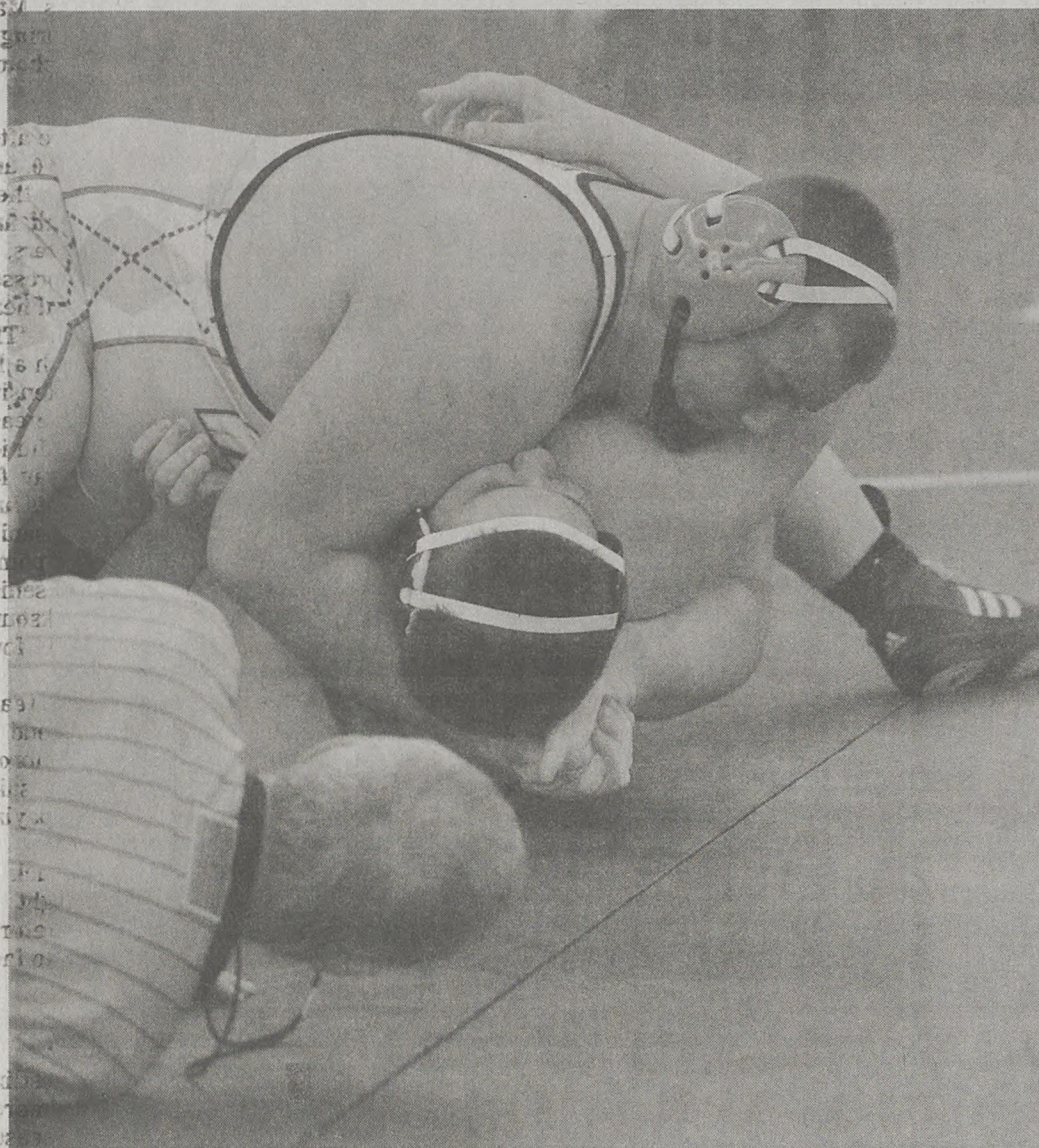
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The Wilmington High School Boys Basketball team has been led by its three seniors from left, Matthew Woods, Matthew Spurr and Curtis Jean-Francois. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).



Wilmington High senior Lou Larffarello in action for the WHS Wrestling team in a recent match. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

## WHS Boys and Girls Hoop

# Spy Ponders run away from both basketball teams

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WILMINGTON - Trailing by two points just a minute into the third quarter, it appeared as if the Wilmington High School Girls Basketball team may finally be able to perhaps steal a victory. Instead, Arlington responded after Haley DiLorenzo's basket with a 8-0 run and eventually led by ten after the third quarter before closing out the game with a 47-34 victory against the Wildcats held at the WHS Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

The loss puts Wilmington at 1-10 on the season.

"We got the looks that we wanted down low (offensively), but we would miss our lay-ups and miss our rebounds," said coach Brie Karow. "Those two things were the dagger in our hearts."

Arlington took a 21-17 lead into halftime. But in the third quarter, the Spy Ponders scored eight of their 14 points from the paint before adding three more field goals from that area to begin the fourth quarter to extend to a 16-point lead.

"Towards the end of the first half and in the third quarter we allowed them to make some cuts to get open and they hit some of those shots," said Karow. "Before that we didn't allow those things to happen. We just weren't calling out screens and we didn't jam a cut and we just chased. Even with those mistakes, our misses and (lack of) rebounds really hurt us."

"If we didn't give them three or four opportunities (to score) and we denied them one-and-done, we could have gone the other way (to score) but we kept having to play defense (all game). They missed a lot of

shots too, but we just didn't rebound and that was our dagger."

Offensively Wilmington was led by sophomore Caroline Andersen, who finished with 13 points while Christina Woods had eight.

On Friday the 'Cats were defeated by Burlington, 58-46. Andersen had a big night with 21 points in the losing effort.

"The girls work hard everyday," said Karow. "They work hard everyday. There's never been any complaints. I can't ask for anything more of them. They work their tails off. It's just when we get into a game, we'll miss a big lay-up or we don't crash the boards and that's the difference (in wins and losses)."

"I think for the most part we have been competitive in every game. If a couple of things went our way, a couple of corrections, we could have different outcomes in some of those games."

Wilmington will be back in action with two more home games this week with Winchester on Friday and Reading on Tuesday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm.

## BOYS ALSO DROP TWO

Following the girls loss, the Boys team was also defeated by Arlington, 66-46, to fall to 0-11 on the season. After back-to-back lay-ups by Graham Smith midway through the third quarter cut the deficit to five points, Arlington responded with a

12-0 run to go up 48-31 with 2:14 left.

"They are a good team and they are a good team in transition," said coach Joe Maiella. "I know this is a cliché but I am so proud of our team. We were 0-10 going into tonight's game, playing against the second best team in (the Liberty Division) with an 8-2 record (and that's tough) but defensively in the first half we were right there, and held them in check."

"We were limiting them to just one shot and we shut down their three-point (game). We just have trouble scoring. That's the difference. The defense was there, and was the effort and the intensity. We just have to keep working hard every single day."

Smith led the way with 15 points and Matt Spurr finished with 10.

On Friday, Wilmington was defeated by Burlington, 69-42. Joe Gaudreau led the way with 11 points with Smith (8) and Spurr (6) following with 14 combined points.

The Wildcats are back at home for three games this week with Winchester on Friday, a non-league game with St. Clement on Monday and then against an outstanding Reading team on Tuesday. All three games are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.

# Wrestlers split four matches

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BROOKLINE- It was a weekend of mixed results for the Wilmington High School Varsity Wrestling team. The Wildcats went 2-2 in a quad meet hosted by Brookline High School, displaying both big improvements and areas in which the team still struggled.

Saturday got off to a rough start with losses against both Georgetown (49-34) and Sandwich (59-12). The Sandwich defeat was especially debilitating for the team, so much so that head coach Joel McKenna had to take the team aside and urge them to wake up.

"After that, we huddled up and had a talk with our guys," McKenna said. "We told them we needed to see some improvement here."

The improvement was instantaneous. The Wildcats (4-9) trounced Waltham (39-6) before moving on to battle it out with Gloucester. After some grueling competition, the Wildcats managed to pull off the victory, silencing Gloucester with a 42-36 final score.

"We haven't wrestled Georgetown in a couple of years. They have some very talented wrestlers, especially in the lower weights. We gave them a good battle," McKenna said.

As the meet progressed, Wilmington was able to find their footing against the competition and found renewed energy.

"As we moved forward during the day, we needed to tweak a couple things," McKenna said. "We were very flat in our match against Sandwich. In the last two matches, they came out firing and wrestling hard."

Leading the charge throughout the day was captain Sam Jennings. Wrestling at 170 pounds, Jennings went 4-0 for the day.

"He kind of led the way for us," McKenna said. "It's the preparation that he puts in. He's a guy who is constantly

leading his team in practices and getting ready for matches. He's gaining some confidence. He's a first year captain, and that's a lot of responsibility for a junior to take on. He is trying to step up and be a leader not only in practices but out on the mat. He is trying to lead the team with his performance as well."

Fellow captain Jimmy Carroll also turned in a strong performance, going 3-1 at 195 pounds.

Returning to the team after a long absence following an injury was Fox Maxwell, who impressed his coaches with his 3-0 performance in his 138 weight class.

"He was out for the majority of the beginning of the season," McKenna said. "This was his first competition back in the fold. He's a great wrestler. We're going to take it day-by-day with him."

Also wrestling for the Wildcats were Ethan Karnesky (1-3), John Fitzler (2-2), Cam Burke (1-2) and Paxton Cooke (1-3).

As the season grinds its way over the halfway mark, health becomes a more pressing issue. A wrestling meet is a long and intensive affair, and the team needs to avoid injury and illness if they are going to be able to hold up against the competition ahead.

"It's a hard time in the season," McKenna said. "You're sitting there grinding away. We just have to try and keep these guys as fresh as possible."

The team will have to stay plenty fresh as they head into one of their busiest weeks of the season. On Wednesday the Wildcats will host Arlington at the High School, then on Saturday they will travel to Wakefield to duke it out with Wakefield, Pawtucket and Saugus.

"It's a good week of wrestling for our guys," McKenna said. "We want to see our guys out there wrestling hard. Win, lose or draw."



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## Shawsheen Tech Round-Up

# Rams Boys Hockey team Chalking up the league victories

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The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team played a pair of quality games this past week against CAC opponents, but unfortunately for the Rams their great efforts resulted in just a 1-1 record for the week, likely eliminating them from contention for the CAC title.

Shawsheen opened their week with a convincing 8-0 win over Minuteman last Thursday, before suffering a tough, hard fought 2-0 loss to league leading Northeast on Monday. The 1-1 week left the Rams with a 6-4-2 overall record and a 4-1-1 mark in the CAC, making it very difficult for them to catch Northeast (6-0-0) for the league crown.

"We are pretty much out of any share of the league," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "The disappointing tie with Rockport is coming back to bite us." While the tie earlier in the season with Rockport was disappointing to Baker, his team's effort in the loss to Northeast certainly was not, as he felt his team played well despite coming up short.

"We played well. It was a fast physical game. We definitely had some great chances to score but came up empty," Baker said. "Northeast is a good team with great team speed. I told the kids after the game that we played well, but not to the level where you get the bounces needed to win the game. That is where we were yesterday. Almost there at times."

One player who was definitely at his best was senior goalie Jack Stone of Tewksbury, who made 27 saves in the losing effort.

"He played great. He did his job," Baker said. "We

just need to support and put some money in the back of the net. That is why we had a little shake up of line combinations (Tuesday at practice)."

Things had gone much better for the Rams in their 8-0 win over Minuteman last Thursday.

While Minuteman certainly is not a team at the level of Northeast, Baker was still pleased with his team doing what was necessary to get the win.

"We played our normal slow starting game that we play against some league opponents like Minuteman," Baker said. "We played a solid half game, the way we should be playing. It was great to record the shutout though."

All three Shawsheen goalies, Anthony Cordoleen, Corey Goggin and Stone, each played in the game and contributed to the shutout.

"I told the kids the day before that all three were playing," Baker said. "I stuck to my guns even though the game was tight early on. All three were focused and got the job done for the team shutout. It was a good thing to see."

The Rams were led on offense by junior Jay Colletti, who had two goals and two assists, while junior Griffin Blanch of Wilmington had four assists in the game. Shawsheen also got a pair of goals from junior forward Aaron Bennett, the first two goals of his varsity career.

"Aaron is a very good center man. He took advantage of his playing time and not only popped his first, but got two," Baker said. "He was psyched as was I. He works hard every day and gets better each day he steps on the ice."

The Rams also got individual goals from Matt Irwin and Derek Abreu, each of

whom also had an assist.

Shawsheen will be back in action on Thursday, when they host non-league rival Weston at the Hallenborg Arena.

## GIRLS HOOP

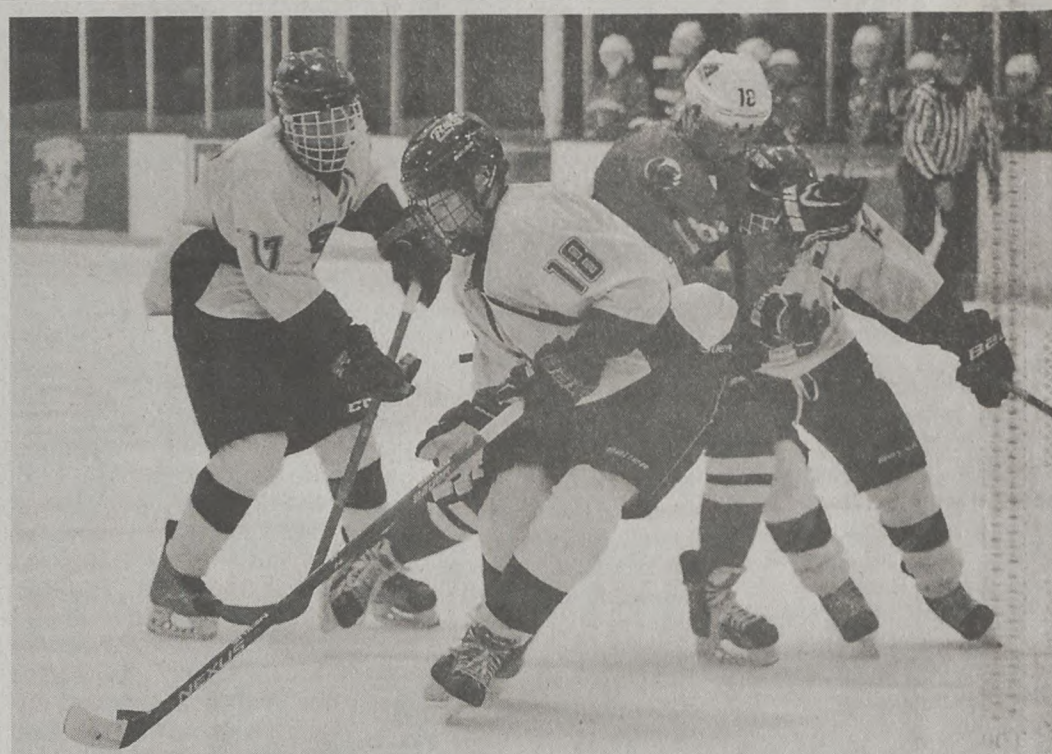
With a 6-3 record nearly at the midpoint of the season, the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team looks to be in very good position to qualify for the state tournament and contend for one of the top spots in the CAC as well.

But despite their fine record to this point, Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss knows her team will have to continue to improve over the second half of the season if they are going to achieve all they have set out to do this season, as evidenced by their 1-1 record last week, which included a blowout 54-24 win over Lynn Tech last Tuesday as well as a 61-39 loss to Mystic Valley on Friday.

In the loss to Mystic on Friday, the Lady Rams were led by ten points each by Holly DeCoursey and Danielle Papa, while Katie Dunlevy of Tewksbury had nine points and 18 rebounds.

Despite their best efforts, however, the Lady Rams found themselves in a 31-15 halftime hole from which they could not recover against a powerful opponent.

"Mystic has two very skilled players that are very hard to defend and can make things happen. They had 47 of the team's 61 points and we tried changing defenses on them and just did not make things happen," Sueltenfuss said. "We turned the ball over 39 times in the game and no team is going to win with a stat like that. We have a lot to work on right now as a team and we are starting with the basics of condition-



Ryan Cummiskey (18) controls the puck while getting help from his teammates Matt Paolicelli (17) and Jon Murray (12) for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team during a game held against Abington. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

ing because we are finding ourselves very tired after just minutes into a game. The good thing is we still have eleven games to change some of the things that we are struggling with."

Shawsheen had no struggle at all last Tuesday against Lynn Tech in their 54-24 victory. Shawsheen got a tremendous all around game from freshman point guard, who had 19 points, six steals and four rebounds, while Dunlevy had another strong game with nine points and nine rebounds.

Moriconi's effort at point guard impressed Sueltenfuss.

"I was really struggling at how to make Sam come out as the player that I know she can be up until this game and after a rough game Monday night against Essex for her it was great to see her playing with a smile and feeling very confident," Sueltenfuss said.

Despite the wide margin of victory for her team, Sueltenfuss cautioned against reading too much into this one game.

"(Lynn Tech) was a weak opponent so I don't think

that we did anything special in the win and I don't think that it was very indicative of our team," Sueltenfuss said.

The Lady Rams will look to get back in the win column on Friday night when they take on defending CAC champion Whittier. Sueltenfuss is hoping her team is ready for the challenge.

I hope that we can use this week to get ourselves to a place mentally and physically for this game. "We need to make some changes and look at things a little differently," Sueltenfuss said. "Hopefully we will turn it back around with a tough part of the season ahead."

## BOYS HOOP

The Shawsheen Boys Basketball team had only one game this past week, but they certainly made the most of it, with an exciting 44-30 win over Mystic Valley last Friday. With the win, their second in a row, Shawsheen improved to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the CAC Large League.

The Rams dominated from start to finish, as they started out red hot and never

looked back. The score after the first quarter was 9-0, and the Rams extended their lead to 23-9 at the half and 34-17 after three quarters.

"I was really impressed with our defense," said head Coach Greg Bendel. "The guys really played with a lot of intensity on the defensive end which led to some easy transition points." Junior Sean Hines led the way for the Rams with 12 points and eight rebounds, while senior Nick Gott had ten points and ten rebounds and senior Jared Roane of Tewksbury had 11 points and four rebounds.

"This was a real team effort. I am really proud of the way this team is improving overall," Bendel said. "Their hard work is paying off."

The Rams will be back in action on Friday night at Whittier Tech before returning home on Tuesday to face Minuteman Tech.

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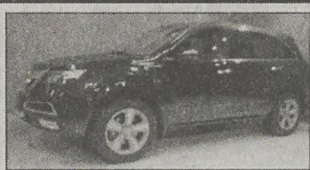
The Shawsheen Wrestling team continued their march through the regular season

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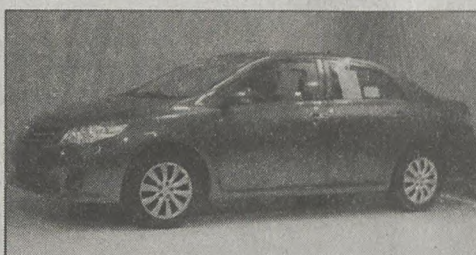
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# Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swim team improves to 4-1

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last week, going 4-0 on the week to improve to 13-1 on the season.

The Rams, now ranked ninth in the state, began their week with a 46-26 win over Burlington on last Wednesday night. Jake Ferri (106), Shawn Powderly (135), Mike Steen (152), Tyler Brennan (160), Billy Tamboli of Tewksbury (170), Christian Hoar (182), Matt Finn (195) and Joe Fusco (220) all picked up wins for the Rams.

The Rams wrapped up their undefeated week with a sweep of a quad meet on Saturday, defeating Greater Lawrence, 54-23, Wakefield, 45-17, and Reading, 66-6. Not only did they improve to 13-1 overall, but the win over Greater Lawrence also kept them undefeated in the CAC with a perfect 3-0 record in the league.

Shawsheen got three wins each on the day from Ferri (106/113, three pins) Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury (126, two pins), Tom Strow of Wilmington (138, three pins), Christian Hoar (182, two pins), Matt Finn (195,

three pins) and Joe Fusco (220, three pins).

## CO-ED SWIMMING

The Shawsheen Co-Ed Swim team is off to a 4-1 start to the season, having won four meets in a row after dropping their season opener. The Rams pulled out a pair of close victories in two of their more recent meets, downing Greater Lowell by a score of 94-87 back on January 6 and defeating Blue Hills by a score of 81-77 on January 8.

Shawsheen got several outstanding performance in both meets, starting with the Greater Lowell meet where their relay teams all had tremendous efforts. The 4 x 200 relay team of Ryan Callahan, Jonathan Pinette, Nicole Kopacz of Tewksbury and Haley Ferguson kicked the meet off by earning a second place finish in a time of 2:10.10.

The Rams other 4 x 200 relay team also had a fine day, earning a third place finish in a time of 2:17.00 behind the efforts of Brian Legere, Tim Comeau of

Wilmington, Carli Spada of Wilmington and Jake Krause.

In another relay event, the 200 freestyle relay, the Rams took a first place finish, with the team of Molly Harrington of Tewksbury, Cam Rebidue, Austin Hamilton and Ryan Phelan out pacing the competition with a time of 1:52.87.

Finally the 400 meter freestyle relay team of Rebidue, Hamilton, Harrington and Pheelan won their event in a time of 4:03.50.

Nicole Kopacz also had a fine individual day for the Rams, winning the 500 meter freestyle event in a time of 6:39.81 and taking second place in the 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:13.87. Molly Harrington meanwhile earned a third place finish in the 50 meter freestyle in a time of 27.72 and a second place finish in the 100 meter freestyle in a time of 1:10.34.

In addition to his success with the relay team, Tim Comeau also had a good day on his own as well, finishing

fourth in the 100 meter breaststroke in a time of 1:24.90, while Carli Spada took a fifth place finish in the 500 meter freestyle in a time of 7:15.82.

Other individual winners for the Rams on the day included Austin Hamilton who won the 200 meter freestyle in 2:24.25, Cam Rebidue in the 200 meter individual medley (2:21.47), Ryan Phelan in the 50 meter freestyle (24.43) and the 100 meter freestyle (56.66) and Jonathan Pinette in the 100

meter breaststroke (1:14.03).

There were several more great efforts in the Blue Hills meet as well, starting again with the 200 medley relay team of Jonathan O'Neill, Comeau, Mickey Moricono and Kendra Swift of Wilmington, who took second place in a time of 2:11.09.

Spada and Comeau once again had outstanding individual days as well, with Spada the 100 meter butterfly in a time of 1:26.36, and Comeau winning the 100

meter freestyle in a time of 1:07.28.

In the 200 meter freestyle relay, Harrington, Kopacz, Lauren Barletta of Tewksbury and Haley Ferguson earned a third place finish in a time of 1:53.96, while in the 400 meter freestyle relay the team of Harrington, Kopacz, Spada and Barletta finished second in a time of 4:23.71.

Frankie Irizarry of Wilmington had a big day winning the 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:30.53.



A Matignon player grabs the rolling ball, while Shawsheen Tech players from left, Ryan Donnell, Craig Rich, Tyler Mickle, and Sean Hines set up to play defense during a recently played Varsity Boys Hoop game. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

## Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Tewksbury High Sports</b>				
Thursday	Jan 21	V Gymnastics	vs Central Catholic	7:30 pm
Friday	Jan 22	V Girls Hoop	at Chelmsford	7:00 pm
Friday	Jan 22	V Boys Hoop	vs Chelmsford	7:00 pm
Saturday	Jan 23	V Wrestling	at Westford Academy	9:00 am
Saturday	Jan 23	B/G Track	MSTCA Invite	9:30 am
Saturday	Jan 23	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill	4:00 pm
Saturday	Jan 23	V Girls Hockey	at Andover	4:00 pm
Sunday	Jan 23	B/G Track	MSTCA Elite Meet	9:30 am
Monday	Jan 25	V Boys Hockey	vs Billerica	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 26	V Girls Hoop	at Haverhill	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan 26	V Boys Hoop	vs Haverhill	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Girls Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Wrestling	at Whittier Tech	6:00 pm

<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Friday	Jan 22	V Girls/Boys Hoop	vs Winchester	5:70 pm
Saturday	Jan 23	B/G Track	at MSTCA Coaches	9:30 am
Saturday	Jan 23	V Wrestling	at Wakefield	10:00 am
Saturday	Jan 23	V Girls Hockey	at Winchester	4:00 pm
Saturday	Jan 23	V Boys Hockey	vs Winchester	8:30 pm
Monday	Jan 25	V Boys Hoop	vs St. Clement	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan 26	V Girls/Boys Hoop	vs Reading	5:70 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Girls Hockey	at Reading	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Wrestling	vs Malden	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Boys Hockey	at Reading	7:45 pm

<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	Jan 21	V Girls Hockey	vs Peabody	5:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 21	V Wrestling	vs Whittier Tech	7:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 21	V Boys Hockey	vs Weston	7:10 pm
Friday	Jan 22	V Swimming	at Minuteman	4:00 pm
Friday	Jan 22	V Boys Hoop	at Whittier Tech	5:30 pm
Friday	Jan 22	V Girls Hoop	vs Whittier Tech	7:00 pm
Saturday	Jan 23	V Wrestling	at Springfield Cath.	9:30 am
Saturday	Jan 23	V Girls Hockey	at Cambridge	5:20 pm
Tuesday	Jan 26	V Girls Hoop	at Minuteman	5:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan 26	V Boys Hoop	vs Minuteman	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Swimming	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Wrestling	vs Marshfield	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 27	V Girls Hockey	at Matignon	8:00 pm

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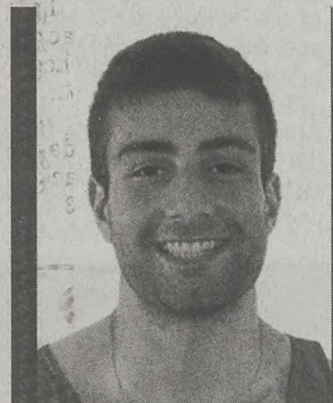
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# Fiorello named America East Conference Performer of the Week

By **MIKE IPPOLITO**  
Sports Correspondent

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Many more local athletes were back in action this week, and many made their presence felt at area colleges. Many of the stars of the week came from track and field, but they were hardly alone in their exploits.



**JOHN FIORELLO**

## TEWKSBURY

UMass Lowell junior John Fiorello was named the America East Conference Men's Performer of the Week last week after a strong performance on Sunday, January 10 at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, N.H. Fiorello earned a third place finish in the shot put with a throw of 50'07". It was his third consecutive solid competition. He currently ranks third among America East throwers for the season.

Fiorello is coming off an injury late last season, but he has increased his dis-

tance in each competition.

"He's throwing like himself again," UMass Lowell coach Gary Gardner told the school's web site. "He's an athletic kid. He's not huge for a thrower, he's got some quickness, but he's just a good all around athlete."

Fiorello followed up that impressive performance with another one this week, winning the shot put event at the Jumbo Invitational at Tufts University on Saturday with a throw of 50' 10", helping to lead the River Hawks to a second place finish at the Invitational.

On the Women's side, UMass Lowell sophomore Jess Amedee also had a big day at the Jumbo Invitational, winning the 60 meter hurdles in a time of 9.31 seconds to help the women's team to a first place finish at the Invitational.

Fitchburg State junior Brian Amaral helped the Falcons Indoor Track team to the team title at the Reggis Poyau Memorial Invitational, hosted by Brandeis University on Saturday afternoon. Amaral earned a second place finish in the 3,000 meters in a time of 9:00.31, a time which qualified him for the post season MASCAC meet.

Amaral was not alone in his efforts to help bring the Falcons the team title at the Reggis Poyau Invitational, as the freshman combination of Anthony and Joe Darrigo also stepped up with some fine efforts of their

own. Anthony earned a sixth place finish in the 800 meters in a time of 4:49.41 and a seventh place finish in the 3000 meters in a time of 9:26.04, qualifying for the MASCAC meet in both events.

Joe, meanwhile finished first in the 5000 meters, outpacing the field in a time of 16:22.93.

Regis College freshman Cassie Froio earned a fifth place finish in the 55 meter dash in a time of 8.26 seconds at the Reggis Poyau Invitational, as she and her Pride teammates returned to action after a month's layoff.

Franklin Pierce junior Cory Cataldo had a big weekend for the Ravens. He got things started last Friday with a sixth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 6.45 meters at the Spartan Regional Invite, hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas in Staten Island, New York.

Cataldo then traveled to Plymouth, New Hampshire the next day where he helped the Ravens finish first in the Panther Invitational at Plymouth State University. Cataldo was part of the 4 x 200 relay team that earned a first place finish in a time of 1:34.50.

Franklin Pierce sophomore Peter Murray was also a big part of the Ravens win at the Panther Invitational, winning the weight throw competition with a toss of 13.04 meters and earning a third



**CASSIE FROIO**

place finish in the shot put with a throw of 11.59 meters.

UMass Amherst junior Cory Thomas helped the Minutemen to the team championship at the Beantown Challenge, held at Harvard University on Saturday. Thomas earned a third place finish in the 3,000 meters in a time of 8:38.38, as the Minutemen out paced the 11-team field with 155 team points.

In basketball action, Adelphi freshman forward Nick Cambio played ten minutes and scored three points while also grabbing a pair of rebounds in the Panthers 81-61 loss to Bentley last Wednesday. Cambio has appeared in 14 of the Panthers 18 games this season, helping them to a 15-3 record.

Turning to hockey, Franklin Pierce junior goalie Shannon O'Neill stopped 12 of 13 shots for the Ravens in their 4-1 win over

St. Michael's on Friday. The win improved O'Neill's record on the season to 6-2-1 and lowered her Goals Against Average to 1.38.

Salem State junior defenseman Ryan Doherty scored a goal to help the Vikings to a 4-1 win over Plymouth State on Saturday. Doherty's goal, which made the score 3-1 at the time, came on a blast from the point, and was his first of the season.

## WILMINGTON

Wheelock College junior forward Michelle Woods had a big week for the Wildcats. Woods started things off by scoring a game high 21 points, while grabbing nine rebounds and adding three assists in a 62-59 win over Mitchell College. She followed that up with 19 points, six rebounds and four assists in an 87-84 overtime win over Southern Vermont College on Saturday.

On the season Woods is averaging a team high 16.9 points per game, while also leading the team in rebounding at 6.3 per game. The Wildcats have won eight games in row and are off to a program best 10-2 start.

Framingham State senior guard Tim McCarthy had a fine all around game for the Rams in their 79-57 win over MCLA on Saturday. McCarthy had nine points, three rebounds, four assists and one steal to help lead his team to victory, as the Rams improved to 4-11 on the season.

Springfield College sopho-

more guard Carli Brent has seen action in two consecutive games for the Pride. Most recently she scored two points and grabbed one rebound in a loss to the Coast Guard Academy last Thursday.

Fellow Springfield College sophomore guard Christa Brent has also been in action for the Pride, playing in 15 games this season. Most recently, she had 6 points and two rebounds in a loss to MIT on Saturday.

In track-and-field action, Regis College sophomore Kate Cowden earned a third place finish in the shot put at the Reggis Poyau Memorial Invitational, hosted by Brandeis University on Saturday afternoon. Cowden and her teammates were back in action after a month's layoff and Cowden never missed a beat, with a long throw of 9.81 meters.



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# Almeida fights her way into the boxing ring

FROM PAGE SP1W

I love doing it. We spar in the gym and when I don't get a chance to get to the gym, I do other stuff like run the bleachers at (Wilmington) high school." Heading into Friday's fight, Almeida said that she really didn't know what to expect. McGrath though, said even though she lost, she looked very strong. "For her first fight, Jen fought very hard," said McGrath. "The other girl she faced was a good fighter and I thought it was a close fight. Jen is very capable in the ring. She is very athletic and has a ton of potential. But when it comes to your first fight, some of that goes out the window. Your instincts take over and you tend to fight instead of boxing. I think if she boxed more, the outcome would have been a little better but that's all expected with your

first fight." When asked about her strengths, McGrath said that Almeida already has many. "Her speed," he said. "Jen is extremely fast and athletic. She knows how to move in open space. Sometimes she got caught up in the fight and when that happens the fighter in you comes out and that will come with more experience. I thought the other girl was a good fighter as well. Jen was comfortable in the ring and I thought she had done well sparring in camp and getting ready for this fight. I think once she puts some pieces together, the sky is the limit for her." In the first two rounds, McGrath said both boxers used a lot of jabs, but Almeida started to go to several different combinations which helped her out. But when the third round came

around, it seemed that Khan got the better of Almeida. "Jen got tired in the third round," he said. "I thought (Khan) used her jab very well and really kept her composure. But Jen did a lot of good things throughout the entire match. She also used her jab and used a lot of combinations which was good to see." Neither boxer had a knock down and when the final bell went off, the officials ruled in favor of Khan by a 5-0 decision. "The whole experience was pretty awesome," said Almeida. "It just goes by really fast. The first round you just try to get over your nerves and anxiety. You are more excited than anything else and your adrenaline really takes over. But you get really tired. That's the hardest thing. But it was so rewarding to be able to fin-

ish the match, all three rounds. It takes everything you got." After that match had ended, despite losing, Almeida's spirits remained very high. "After the fight was over I met Micky Ward," she said. "You are coming off a high, emotional match and you meet him so that was so awesome. He told me to stick with it, that I fought hard and it takes a lot of guts to get into the ring." Then she was approached by her Dad, who was a very

proud father. "He told me that he was more nervous watching me fight than any Thanksgiving game he's ever coached," she said. "I know he was really proud of me and I know that I was really proud of him, my family and my friends all supporting me." But the support didn't stop there. "Jim McNally and the big group of people from the gym all came to support me and that meant so much to me and I can't thank them enough," she said. "And I

can't thank Joe (McGrath) enough. Not only is he a great coach and trainer, but overall he's such a great guy and friend. In the midst of his busy life, between working full-time, buying a home and moving, as well as having a new baby, he still made time to train me regardless of his own hectic schedule, and for that I am grateful beyond words." McGrath added that Almeida could possibly be in the ring again come March 11th in Worcester but details weren't finalized yet.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hubert R. Zeller to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC dated August 12, 2011 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 25168, Page 82, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on February 10, 2016, on the premises known as 10 Dadant Drive, Wilmington, Massachusetts, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon situated in said Wilmington

and being shown as Lot 1 on a plan of land belonging to Thomas J. Madden, et ux, dated February, 1963, by Robert E. Anderson, Registered Land Surveyor.

Said plan is recorded in the North Middlesex District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 98, as Plan No. 25. Reference is made to said plan for a more detailed description of the premises.

For title, see Deed recorded in Book 25168, Page 79.

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and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Shirley Proctor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan successors and assigns, dated April 22, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18652, Page 225, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 25765, Page 96, of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 10, 2016 at 7 Madeline

Road, Tewksbury, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southwestern side of Madeline Road, being all of Lots 181 and 182 as shown on a plan entitled "Shawshien Manor, South Tewksbury, Mass. Developed by Leo M. Bonogoli, June 1929, Alfred Millhouse, C.E." which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 57, Plan 64, and thus bounded: NORTHEASTERLY by Madeline Road as shown on said plan, eighty (80) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 180 as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by land of Alice L. McCann as shown on said plan, eighty (80) feet; and NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 183 as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 8,000 square feet according to said plan. This conveyance is made subject to any and all rights, easements and restrictions of record, if any there may

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 121 Foster Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ernest M. Boudreau and Christine Boudreau f/k/a Christine Piretti to National City Bank, said mortgage dated 6/22/2007, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 21364 at Page 265 and now held by GGB Capital IP Three, LLC by virtue of an assignment from Equity Trust Company as custodian FBO IRA #Z123423 to GGB Capital IP Three, LLC dated March 24, 2014 and recorded April 9, 2014 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28100 Page 248, previously assigned by Bucks Financial, LLC to Equity Trust Company as custodian FBO IRA #Z123423 by virtue of an assignment dated March 24, 2014 and recorded April 9, 2014 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28100 Page 248, previously assigned by Newport Beach Holdings, LLC to Bucks Financial, LLC by virtue of an assignment dated March 19, 2013 and recorded

March 22, 2013 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27103 Page 21, previously assigned by Dreambuilder Investments, LLC to Newport Beach Holdings, LLC by virtue of an assignment dated August 8, 2012 and recorded February 26, 2013 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27011 Page 239, previously assigned by PNC Bank, N.A. Successor by Merger to National City Bank to Dreambuilder Investments, LLC by virtue of an assignment dated August 12, 2010 and recorded February 26, 2013 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27011 Page 237, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on February 4, 2016 at 10:00 am Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northernly side of Hazelwood Avenue and the Westernly side of Foster Road, sometimes called Foster Street, containing ten thousand three hundred thirty-eight (10,338) square feet, and being shown as Lot 31 on "Second Section, Part C,

Sub-division Plan of Swain Terrace, Tewksbury, Mass., S. Albert Kaufmann, C.E.," which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 83, Plan 8 and bounded and described as follows:

**EASTERLY:** By said Foster Street, seventy-two and twenty-three hundredths (72.23) feet; **SOUTHEASTERLY:** by a curved line forming the junctions of Foster Street and Hazelwood Avenue, thirty-four and three hundredths (34.03) feet; **SOUTHERLY:** by Hazelwood Avenue, eighty-eight and thirteen hundredths (88.13) feet; **WESTERLY:** by Lot 32 on said plan and land now or formerly of Arthur Boisvert, ninety-five and four hundredths (95.04) feet; and **NORTHERLY:** by other land now or formerly of said Arthur Boisvert, one hundred ten and ninety-four hundredths (110.94) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2760, Page 275. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated 2/15/2002, and recorded in Book 12760 at Page

275 with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds.

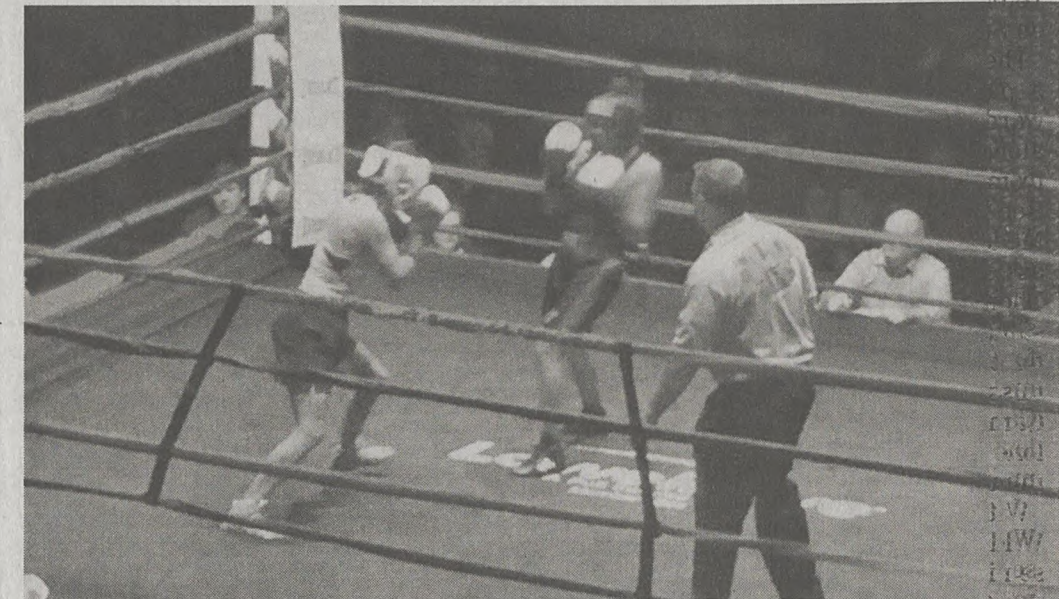
Subject to a first mortgage to Mortgage Network, Inc. dated December 22, 2005, recorded December 29, 2006 in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20848, Page 226 in the original principal amount of \$341,500.00.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for GB Capital IP Three, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 05-11196 1/13/20, 27/16



Jen Almeida, white shirt, battles through her three round Female Lightweight fight held on Friday night. (courtesy photo).

## LEGAL NOTICE



### TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-T and 81-U, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Definitive Sub-

division #16-01, plan entitled, "Site Development Plan, Garden of Eden, Wilmington, Massachusetts" dated January 7, 2016; for Joseph Langone, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887; prepared by Douglas E. Lees, P.L.S., P.E.; Land Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., 130 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879; property is shown on Chestnut Street, Assessor's Map 2 Parcels 201-206 & 223-225 and Map 3 Parcels 207-222. The subdivision will allow development of 26 single family homes.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
05-11213 1/13, 20/16

**Case 1-16**  
**Joseph A. Langone**  
**Map 40 Parcel 102**  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located on 102 Lowell Street.

**Case 2-16**  
**Joseph A. Langone**  
**Map 49 Parcel 104**  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located on 104 Lowell Street.

**Case 3-16**  
**Kenneth & Susanne Clarkin**  
**Map 36 Parcel 95**  
To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table II, §5.2.5 to construct a two-story addition 17.6 feet from one side and 17.5 feet from the other side when 20 feet is required for property located on 39 Reno Road.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

**Case 1-16**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



### TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 28, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by FTO Realty Trust for Lorraine Bradley (co-owner Irene Fiore & Marie Romano, c/o Paula Barry) for a variance from Section 3600, para 3640 and Special Permit under Section 3600, Paragraph 3651 and 3670 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw. The applicant proposes to construct a single family residence within the front yard as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at 20 River-

view Avenue, Assessor's Map 98, Lot 121, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



### TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 30, 2016, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 5, 2016.

Michael L. Champoux, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
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## Pee Wee 3's come away with a quarterfinal victory over Cambridge

A complete team effort helped lead the Wilmington Youth Hockey Pee Wee 3's to a 4-1 win over Cambridge in the quarterfinals of the Massachusetts Hockey District 10 Playoff Tournament at Allied Veterans Rink in Everett on Sunday.

The Wildcats were led by a pair of goals from forward Anthony Anguioni, along with single tallies from Chris Patterson and Ben McEwen, while Colby Medeiros had a pair of assists.

Goaltender Thomas Dalton was outstanding between the pipes for the Wildcats, narrowly missing a shutout, as Cambridge scored their lone goal with just over a minute left in the game.

With the win, the Wildcats advanced to the semi-finals of the tournament where they will take Medford on Sunday morning, once again in Everett.

Wilmington took control early in this one, with Chris Patterson scoring 18 seconds into the game on a wrist shot from the faceoff circle, with an assist going to David Olson. Despite some threats by the line of Adam Ippolito, Jordan Legere and Tyler Sheehan, the Wildcats were unable to add to their total before the end of the period, and the teams would go to the break with Wilmington holding their narrow 1-0 lead.

The Wildcats came out firing in the second period, determined to add to their lead, and just 1:23 into the period, Anguioni did just

that, putting in a rebound for a 2-0 lead, with Medeiros and Shane Roberts picking up assists on the goal.

Dalton helped keep it a two goal lead with consecutive saves a couple of minutes later, the first one coming with a Cambridge attacker right on the doorstep, and the second coming moments later on a brilliant glove save. Medeiros nearly added to the lead in the closing seconds of the period, on a great set up by Roberts, but he was stoned by the Cambridge keeper and the Wildcats took a 2-0 lead into the third period.

Anguioni gave the Wildcats a little breathing room midway through the third period, expertly one timing a perfect pass from Medeiros past the stunned Cambridge goalie for a 3-0 lead with 7:11 left in the game. Cam Tucker also picked up an assist on the goal.

With the great efforts of the defensive corps of Tucker, Will Kenyon, Shane Costello, Shane Papineau, Sean O'Donoghue and Aardarsh Sivakumar, the Wildcats were nearly able to pull off the shutout victory, but Cambridge finally managed to put one past Dalton with 1:03 left in the game to make it 3-1.

McEwen would round out the scoring for the Wildcats with an empty net goal with five seconds left in the game on an assist by Patterson.

## Wilmington Little League registration to close on January 31

Registration for the 2016 Wilmington Little League season is open on our web site and will close on January 31st. Returning players, as well as managers, coaches and team parents are encouraged to register for the 2016 season so as not to miss out on what will be an exciting season of baseball and softball!

Baseball players born between 5/01/99 and 8/31/09, and softball players who will be 1st to 9th grade for the current school year are eligible to register. The registration rate is \$100 for the

first player in the family, \$50 for each additional sibling, payable via credit card on our web site for your convenience.

First time player registrations require a copy of the player's birth certificate. Please email to wilmingtonllreg@outlook.com.

Wilmington Little League encourages early enrollment to avoid being placed on a waiting list. Visit our web-site for additional details or Contact Rick Hill at wilmingtonll@outlook.com for more information.



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